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Jubilant fans parade through the streets of the capital last night to mark the triumph of Betar Jerusalem over Shimshon by 2-1 to win the State Cup for the second year in succession. (Brian Hendler)

'Resignation would end crisis'

Peres denies pressure to bar police probe

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Peres yesterday denied that he had exerted pressure on Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to deter him from initiating a police investigation of the head of the General Security Services.

In an impassioned Knesset speech, Peres said that the anonymous fighters of terrorism and their self-effacing chief of the GSS (whose name he took pains not to mention) deserved better from the Knesset and the media.

Replying to four no-confidence motions, Peres said that law does not *require* the attorney-general to file charges against every suspect; it requires him to take into account the "security, political, and public" implications of a particular case.

All four motions were defeated by the votes of the coalition.

Peres said that Zamir had taken the initiative and had requested Peres's opinion on the subject, and that after hearing what Peres had to say he turned to the police (i.e., disregarding Peres's view). So where was "the pressure?"

"I didn't ask the attorney-general to be a yes-man. I acted in accordance with the law. I'm doing my duty, and he's doing his duty."

Peres noted that while Zamir had said only that there was a *prima facie* case against the GSS head, ABC television had turned him into an accused, "and Kol Yisrael has already broadcast the charge sheet."

"There is also such a thing as "moral *sub judice*" that the House should observe, and it should not sully the name of the GSS chief, Peres said.

"Why is every citizen entitled to the benefit of the doubt except the head of the GSS?" Peres asked. To make matters worse, the GSS head, because of the secrecy he is bound to maintain, cannot defend himself like every other citizen, Peres went on.

The security consideration here is to conceal from the enemy how we fight him, the prime minister said. "What is involved is peoples' lives and deaths."

Peres cited the 1964 legal opinion by Justices Agranat, Berenson, and Levin that where there are security, political or public implications, the attorney-general "must always weigh the question whether opening criminal proceedings might be more damaging to the state than not opening them. In such cases, the justices said, he must not act before seeking information and advice from those who have the primary responsibility for the security interests of the state."

The prime minister recalled that Ben-Gurion had touched on this problem of the attorney-general's powers. Because, said Peres, if there is a mishap tomorrow in the war against territories, to whom will people turn? Won't they turn to the government? To the prime minister, to the minister of defence? Won't there be a no-confidence motion?

Ben-Gurion, Peres went on, had said: "If the law gives the attorney-general the last word, that's the law. But can he decide whether an action he takes is liable to harm Israel's sovereignty or security? That doesn't seem right to me. Should one man decide what will harm state security?"

Peres said he was not proposing that the attorney-general's powers be curtailed. Furthermore, he said, the cabinet had made no attempt to decide whether there should be an investigation, and had merely considered whether such a probe would be good for state security, and whether the GSS head should be suspended even before the investigation had begun.

The first no-confidence motion was presented by Victor Shemtov (Mapam), who asked whether the government stands above the law and whether concealing the truth can strengthen security.

Precisely because the GSS is a secret agency, the government must be particularly strict in holding it to high standards of honesty, truthfulness, and observance of the law, he said. If it is proved in court that these standards were not observed, then those responsible must suffer the consequences, Shemtov said.

Shemtov criticized Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i for last week having "publicly and coarsely" attacked the attorney-general. Whereupon Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut) interjected: "Why is it all

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Zamir urging security chief and his aides to quit their jobs

By BENNY MORRIS, ASHER WALLFISH and ROY ISACOWITZ

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir is still willing to consider the resignation of the head of the General Security Service and dropping charges against him as an honourable way out of the crisis which at present pits the chief law officer against most of the inner cabinet.

Zamir, according to legal sources, held up the police investigation of the GSS chief, Avraham Shalom, for more than two months in the hope that the security chief would resign and enable the attorney-general not to submit the case to investigation and possible prosecution, with all the damage that could cause the security service.

But Shalom refused to resign, leaving Zamir with the choice of either abandoning the case or forcing a police investigation. The legal sources said that even at this late hour, he would be willing in the interest of state security to consider the security chief's resignation and that of several of his aides implicated in the affair as a way to avert the police investigation and subsequent prosecution.

Reports yesterday said that the GSS chief was suspected of having directly ordered the deaths of the two captured terrorists after their interrogation, and of having subsequently tampered with evidence and suborned witnesses.

Zamir said yesterday that the problem posed by the case was not only the gravest of its kind since the country's independence, but also posed more difficult questions of principle.

Zamir told reporters in the lobby outside the Knesset Law Committee rooms that because of the case he was being subjected to pressures more intensive than any he had faced since assuming his post eight years ago.

"I am accustomed to pressures," he said, "and I can withstand them."

A senior official in Jerusalem said yesterday that the resignation of the head of the GSS was the only apparent way out of the impasse, created by the attorney-general's insistence that Shalom be investigated and, suspended from duty in the interim and the inner cabinet's opposition to such prosecution and to the security chief's suspension.

Inner cabinet members are near unanimous in regarding a prolonged investigation and possible prosecution of the head of the GSS and his aides while in office as intolerable. It would badly harm the organization's functioning. Furthermore, a police investigation conducted while the suspected security officers continued in office would inevitably be hamstrung.

But suspending the officers, while allowing an unhampered investigation, would leave the organization seriously weakened for months.

Zamir yesterday received a political boost when Minister-without-Portfolio and inner cabinet member, Ezer Weizman said that now that Zamir had ordered a police investigation, it must be allowed to proceed unhampered. He reportedly opined that stopping the investigation would cause the country more harm than allowing it to reach its conclusion.

Commenting on Zamir's remarks at the Knesset, Law Committee Chairman Eli Kulas told reporters that he would seek details from Zamir about these pressures he complained of which he held to be unacceptable. If need be, he said, he would bring the issue up for discussion in the committee.

Kulas told reporters: "Until such time as I hear anything to the contrary, I shall continue to support the attorney-general's stand on the case. Cabinet ministers have come to me

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Thatcher: UK line on Palestine 'reassessed'

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday implied that British policy on the Palestinian issue had undergone a "reassessment," distanced herself from the PLO, suggested that "alternative" Palestinian leadership might be found and supported the Palestinians' "right to self-determination."

At a press conference on the eve of her departure from Israel, Thatcher said: "We support the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people." But she added that Britain regarded the "present proposal" of a Jordanian-Palestinian federation as "the most likely" to obtain "the widest acceptance" in the region and, hence, the likeliest to lead to a solution.

Thather referred movingly to her visit, at the start of the three-day sojourn, to Yad Vashem and emphasized how it prompted "heightened awareness" of Israel's striving for "security" with peace. Israelis, with the Holocaust just behind them, are unlike any other people, and their striving for peace with security must be understood in this context, she said. Anyone negotiating with Israel must understand this, she added.

Repeatedly, Thatcher said that "all" the Israeli leaders with whom she had talked – including Prime Minister Peres, Foreign Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin – recognized that it was "not in Israel's long-term interest to be an occupying power." Again, however, she reiterated that the solution to the problem must include "security" for Israel.

Thatcher conceded that British policy concerning the Palestinians had undergone a "reassessment" following the PLO's failure to accept Security Resolution 242 and to renounce terrorism. Britain is now focusing on finding an "alternative" leadership for the Palestinians, which would be ready to accept 242 and renounce terrorism.

Had the PLO leaders been ready to take those two steps, Thatcher said, American and some Israeli politicians would have been ready to see the PLO "in a new light" – implying that they would be willing to negotiate with that organization.

"I tried in every way I could to persuade a branch of the PLO to renounce terrorism and accept 242" at the end of last year, she said, referring to the abortive visit to Britain of PLO representative Mohamed Milhem and Elias Khoury.

Thatcher suggested that "some sort of electoral process" in the territories might be the way to set up an "alternative leadership."

At the same time, Thatcher said that the scheduled meeting of the president of the EEC's Council of Ministers Hans van den Broek with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was not a "precedent" and not the first of its kind. British "officials," she said, have from time to time also met with PLO officials, implying that this might continue. But no British cabinet member had held such meetings, she said. And she implied that this would not occur before the PLO accepted 242 and Israel's right to security and renounced terror.

Thatcher, referring to her meeting with Palestinian leaders on Monday night, denied that they had condemned Britain's support of the U.S. air strike against Libya. "They were very clear that they rejected terrorism and I would not say that they would reject 242 in any way," she said. But 242 was not specifically discussed at the meeting, she said.

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'Secrecy' argument disputed

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

Eminent legal sources in Tel Aviv last night disputed the prime minister's argument in the Knesset earlier in the day that the conditions of absolute secrecy characterizing the duties of the General Security Services commander would deny him a proper chance of defending himself in court.

These sources stressed that there was absolutely nothing to prevent any accused person from getting a fair trial under conditions of total secrecy. Israeli law provided the accused person with all the facilities for defending himself, without any risk to state security, by providing that the trial could be held *in camera*.

These legal sources spoke of the unacceptability of the argument that an accused person could not properly defend himself under Israeli law. The sources mention the most famous case in Israeli jurisprudence of a trial held *in camera* – that of "the third man" in the Lavon affair. Grave charges were levelled against him, including that of serving as a double agent, and were heard under maximum secrecy. The public had no access to the trial, and the judges, after suitable security clearance, conducted the case, with the accused man able to mount his defence.

Seven questions are unanswered

ANALYSIS
HIRSH GOODMAN

Following Prime Minister Peres's response in the Knesset yesterday, the following questions remain unanswered:

- Why did the prime minister, if the stability and integrity of the General Security Services were his prime considerations, not act swiftly, silently and efficiently to limit the damage immediately, before the story became public domain?
- Why did Peres and former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir allow a senior military officer, then Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, and by implication the entire IDF, to carry the burden or suspicion for a year-and-a-half when they had received *prima facie* support for Mordechai's protestations of innocence.
- What were the guidelines issued to the censor, why were these inconsistent and why did censorship totally break down? Was not the attempt to ban publication of those details other than those of a security nature not an attempt to use the censor to protect the political echelons?
- What of the question of the ministerial responsibility of both Peres and Shamir, who as prime ministers were solely responsible for the GSS? Was their attempt to protect GSS head Avraham Shalom not, in the ultimate analysis, an attempt to protect themselves from censure?
- Why was a man whom the prime minister knew was suspected of involvement in an illicit killing, of obstructing evidence, of forcing resignations from the secret service, allowed to remain in charge of a sensitive security organization?
- Why was Shalom not suspended until either his innocence or guilt of these serious charges had been established?
- What could the prime minister's motive be for protecting the head of the service at the expense of three other top officials? This at the risk of public disclosure that has already resulted in far more damage than any serious internal investigation could possibly have caused.

Arab heads confer in Moscow, Athens

Post Mideast Staff and agencies

Libya's No. 2 Abdel Salam Jalloud and Syrian Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam are in Moscow for separate talks. Khaddam arrived yesterday as Jalloud met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Gorbachev's meeting with Jalloud came one day after he warned that any American or Israeli attacks on Syria or the PLO would have "incalculable consequences." Following the talks, he also condemned last April's U.S. raids on Libya.

In Athens, Syrian President Hafez Assad held talks with Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou, which included a discussion on terrorism. Assad said afterwards that Syria opposed terrorism "because we have suffered from it." He was apparently referring to last month's bombings in Damascus and other Syrian cities which he blamed on Iraq.

Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid al-Rifa'i arrived unexpectedly in Athens yesterday and left after meeting with Assad and Papandreou. The visit may have been connected to King Hussein's attempts to arrange a reconciliation between Syria and Iraq.

Egypt's semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported that Assad had plotted to assassinate Yasser Arafat during one of the PLO chairman's tours of Arab countries, and then to replace him with a Damascus-based Palestinian leader. An unnamed Arab government apparently learned of the plot and warned the PLO.

Parties are not rattled

COMMENT
ASHER WALLFISH

The Knesset debate on four no-confidence motions over the "senior security official" affair showed again that issues of constitutional principle do not seriously rock the parliamentary boat, unless one or the other of the main factions adds political fuel to the flames.

Prime Minister Peres seemed in an irritable and aggressive mood from the outset of the debate, and by the time he went up to reply, he had worked himself into a mood of righteous anger, shouting at the top of his lungs at the opposition and at the media, particularly at Israel Radio.

With all the respect he manifested for Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, Peres nonetheless slipped in a brief phrase about the fight against terror not being waged by lawyers, uttering this in a flash of angry sarcasm.

Peres's counter-attack against the motions of no-confidence carried much more fire and brimstone than the onslaught of the opposition. He seemed to be loosing a much heavier slingshot than he needed to sweep the House along with him.

The issue clearly did not spark the same agitation in the Knesset as it has in the media, which Peres so ferociously belaboured for its alleged kangaroo court tactics against the head of the General Security Services.

Hadassah to pioneer heart transplants here

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry yesterday gave Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital the go-ahead to be Israel's pioneer in performing human heart transplants, and asked it to prepare a detailed plan for the complex operation within a month.

Hadassah, one of several hospitals in the country that have claimed to have the technical ability to perform the transplants, says it is prepared to perform them immediately in its cardiothoracic department, headed by Prof. Yosef Borman.

The Health Ministry said that it estimates 10 to 15 operations will be performed a year. But Prof. Borman, who returned last month from several weeks of taking part in transplant operations at London's Harefield Hospital, said 100 lives could be saved annually in Israel by the technique.

The Health Ministry had originally authorized heart transplants in 1978, but the first operations were unsuccessful and the procedure was dropped.

The operation, of which 1,200 are performed around the world each year, involves halachic problems, as Jewish law considers the moment of death to be the cessation of the heart's functioning, while the medical profession views it as the stopping of brain functioning. The donated heart must be taken while still pumping, although the brain is dead. But Hadassah expects to reach agreement with the rabbis over this point, as the procedure will save lives.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur, after consulting experts, decided to give Hadassah the green light yesterday. Performing the operation here will save the lives of heart patients who would otherwise die because they cannot afford the approximately $200,000 it costs abroad – and will also save the money of those patients and contributors who rallied to raise the necessary money in the face of death.

The ministry's decision comes too late for Menashe Horesh, a 24-year-old Iranian immigrant and aeronautical engineer at the Technion, who died a few days ago after being unable to raise enough money for a transplant abroad.

It has not yet been determined whether patients and their families will have to finance the heart transplants at Hadassah, or whether they will be paid for by the health funds and the ministry.

Heart transplants are easier to perform than liver transplants, which are now being considered for Israeli hospitals as well. Drugs that minimize rejection of the foreign tissue have reduced the mortality of patients.

Borman worked in Britain alongside Dr. Mashdi Yakoub, an Egyptian cardiologist considered to be Europe's top heart transplant expert. According to statistics abroad, 82 per cent of patients survive the first year, 75 per cent two years and 60 per cent five years or more.

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COPENHAGEN	9	48	22	72	Clear
FRANKFURT	13	55	27	81	Clear
GENEVA	11	52	27	81	Cloudy
HELSINKI	11	52	16	61	Cloudy
HONGKONG	26	79	29	84	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	9	48	21	70	Clear
LISBON	13	55	23	73	Clear
LONDON	10	50	17	63	Clear
MADRID	15	59	34	93	Clear
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NEW YORK	16	59	25	77	Cloudy
OSLO	6	43	14	57	Cloudy
PARIS	13	55	26	79	Cloudy
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Nahariya	69	17–26	26
Safad	41	15–26	26
Haifa Port	77	–	26
Tiberias	37	—32	31
Nazareth	43	16–26	26
Afula	41	16–29	29
Shomron	50	15–26	26
Tel Aviv	22	18–26	26
B-G Airport	57	16–26	27
Jericho	36	21–34	34
Gaza	–	18––	34
Beersheba	31	16–28	30
Eilat	14	20–35	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev this week bestowed an honorary doctoral degree on Dr. Steven Rosenberg, chief surgeon of the National Cancer Institute outside Washington D.C. Rosenberg, who operated last year on President Reagan for cancer, has pioneered a breakthrough in cancer treatment by harnessing the body's own immunological system to fight malignant growths.

The head of the Fuel Authority, Shimon Gilboa, is to be the guest speaker at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, in the Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m.

Dr. Roland Kleming, director of the National Prussian Archives in Berlin, and Mr. Fumikatsu Inoue, architect, are to speak on Holocaust memorials in Japan and Germany at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Marriage

BAROUCH – GOLDBERG. Chai Philippe, son of Simcha and Meir Barouch, of Jerusalem, to Gila, daughter of Hilda and David Goldberg, of Manchester, at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, yesterday evening.

Navon orders probe into 'Nazi' smear

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER and JOEL REBIBO

Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Navon yesterday ordered an investigation into reports that two Haifa Theatre actors had compared Israel to Nazi Germany while on a recent tour to the U.S.

According to Moshe Bar, the Israel-Consul in Chicago, actor Yousuf Abu Warda compared Israel to Nazi Germany in an open forum conducted by TV personality Yaron London. In an interview with the *Chicago Tribune* actor Doron Tabor said that inside every Israeli there is a little Nazi.

The Haifa Theatre troupe was in Chicago several weeks ago to perform *The Jewish Soul* and *Ghetto* at a festival being held there.

Abu Warda told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "I do not compare Israel to the Nazis. I do not think that. And if I did, I would not be a member of the Haifa theatre. I see the role of *Ghetto* as a warning against racism. The Holocaust must serve as a lesson to all nations and not only as a cause of mourning for the Jewish people."

Tabor was not available for comment last night.

The director of the Education Ministry's culture and arts division, Avner Shilo, yesterday sent a letter to the Haifa Theatre management warning them that "freedom of expression has its limits."

The head of the theatre's public council, Avraham Hame'iri, said last night that the theatre will hold serious investigations into the charges.

Yesterday Mayor Arye Gurel also agreed to investigate the allegations at the request of Religious Front chairman, Moshe Blithental, who called for the dismissal of the actors if the allegations were proven to be true.

Tabori, who had been asked why he had played the Nazi officer in *Ghetto* as an ordinary human being, had said that he wanted to show that Nazi crimes were committed by ordinary human beings and not by monsters.

Pentagon team due for talks on Lavi fighter's future

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – A team of Pentagon experts is due in Israel later this week to continue discussions with Israeli officials on the development of the Lavi jet fighter and on Israel's efforts to obtain new diesel-powered submarines and patrol boats.

Deputy Undersecretary of Defence Dov Zakheim will lead the U.S. delegation. It was Zakheim who recently prepared a lengthy and controversial study on the cost-effectiveness of the Lavi.

The inter-agency study concluded that the continued development of the plane will necessarily impede Israel's ability to obtain other badly-needed U.S. military equipment. The study's cost-estimates were higher than those of the Israel Aircraft Industry (IAI), the Lavi's prime contractor.

Zakheim will also discuss with Israeli officials the various options before Israel in connection with its planned procurement of new submarines and patrol boats.

U.S. officials said that they would not oppose the construction of the submarines at the Haifa Shipyards. But the Israeli Navy reportedly fears that the Haifa facility is not sophisticated enough to build the vessels.

Israeli officials said they would prefer that the submarines be made in the U.S. But the U.S. Navy opposes using limited American shipyard facilities for the construction of non-nuclear submarines.

American Navy officers fear that the opening of a diesel-powered submarine line in the U.S. would automatically put greater pressure on the U.S. Navy to procure non-nuclear submarines.

U.S. officials said that they would try to find some solution to Israel's submarine problem, probably as part of a package deal involving the construction of new patrol boats which would replace Israel's Saar IV ships.

They noted, however, that the basic disagreement between the Pentagon and Israel over the future of the Lavi was more problematic, given that the Zakheim study had concluded that the prevailing Defence Ministry and IAI cost-estimates of the Lavi were too low.

This point was repeatedly made to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin during his recent visit to Washington. The Americans are urging Israel, even at this late date, to reconsider the entire Lavi programme. But Israel, so far, is strongly resisting.

Israeli officials have recently complained that some $50-60 million in U.S. funds, authorized specifically for the Lavi project, are currently being held up for disbursement to Israel by the Pentagon. They have complained that this delay will hurt the Lavi programme.

Pentagon officials said that they were reviewing the allocation of the money "more carefully" until a final decision on the cost-effectiveness of the Lavi had been reached.



A three-year-old hassid gets his first haircut as part of the observance of Lag Ba'Omer yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Top secret Shin Bet names are revealed

Post Defence Reporter

One of the side-effects of the General Security Services (Shin Bet Kaf) scandal is that the normally super-secret names of top serving and former GSS officers have become public knowledge.

First the name of the head of the service, Avraham Shalom, was revealed. Then the names of two former senior officers, Reuven Hazak and Peleg Radai, were made public.

Hazak and Radai, together with another top GSS man, are the officers who reportedly approached Prime Minister Peres several months ago with allegations that Shalom suborned witnesses and tampered with evidence in the investigations into the killings of two terrorists in 1984.

Peres stood by Shalom's version of the events and declined to act on the allegations. The three officers were then obviously unable to continue working with their boss and they soon found themselves outside the service.

One of three was suspended with full salary, but was later fired. Last Thursday he appealed to the High Court of Justice on the grounds that his dismissal had been improperly motivated. This triggered the reintroduction of the attorney-general into the picture, with the subsequent explosion of the affair in the media.

Radai left the service with full compensation and now spends much of his time in the U.S. He is involved in an international company run by former secret service personnel from various countries, including former CIA chief William Colby.

Hazak had resigned from the GSS under a former head and served for a year from May 1980 as city manager of Jerusalem. He returned to the GSS when Shalom took over.

Another leading figure in the affair was the service's representative on the original Zorea commission of inquiry into the killings of the terrorists. He allegedly was instrumental, at Shalom's instigation, in putting the investigation on the wrong tracks.

Anger in the army that top officer was 'scapegoat'

Post Defence Staff

Senior officers in the IDF have reacted with anger at revelations indicating that the IDF had been made the scapegoat of the Ashkelon bus-hijacking incident.

At the time, Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, then chief paratroop and infantry officer, was said to have been involved in the killing of two terrorists. He was subsequently cleared by a military court.

The General Security Services' version of the events had placed Mordechai under suspicion, that the innocence of GSS agents now appears to have been secured through tampering with evidence – even if this meant implicating Mordechai – has left a deep mark of resentment on many senior military officers.

From the start of the proceedings against him, Mordechai claimed that he was the victim of a conspiracy. He told friends at the time that senior echelons of the GSS had "ganged up" on him and had fabricated evidence to show that he had handed over the two terrorists in a critical state. Whereas Mordechai's version was his alone, the GSS case was backed by several of its agents, including the head, Avraham Shalom.

What has particularly upset several senior members of the general staff interviewed in recent days is that it now has become apparent that though the premier and senior ministers knew the GSS version was suspect, they did nothing to clear Mordechai's name. Thus Mordechai and the IDF had to continue to bear the stigma of the investigation both prior and subsequent to the officer's acquittal.

'Post' complains to censor

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Jerusalem Post yesterday submitted a "grave" complaint to the IDF censor, Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Shani, over the censors' treatment of *The Post's* coverage of the "senior official" affair during the past two days. The censors purged stories of facts and material that then appeared the same day in other newspapers.

The Post complained that "at least some of the deletions constitute political rather than security censorship." On the technical plane, *The Post* contended, the censor's office in Jerusalem was undermanned and incapable of dealing with copy within a reasonable time.

On Monday night, the censor heavily blue-pencilled *The Post's* main news story by deleting all reference to pressure for – or suggestions in political circles regarding – the possible resignation of the head of the GGS, as the probable solution to the impasse between the government and the attorney-general. The censor also purged all reference to the attorney-general's demand that the security chief be suspended for the duration of the police investigation, something the inner cabinet is opposing.

Both the reports of pressures for his resignation; the demand for his suspension and the political resistance to both, figures prominently in yesterday's *Yedioth Aharonot*.

The censor yesterday deleted most of *The Post's* second front-page story relating to the appeal to the High Court of Justice by a senior ex-GSS officer. The censor specifically deleted the fact that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir had informed the prime minister that he refused to present the government's case in response to the court order unless the whole affair was properly investigated. Many other facts concerning the High Court action, which sparked the publication of the affair, were also blue-pencilled by the censor.

Yesterday's issue of *Davar* carried this information in its main headline.

What emerges is, at the least, a picture of inconsistency between the military censor's offices in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

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and claimed that information at my disposal is incorrect. But unless I get the facts, how can I be sure of that?"

Earlier in the Law Committee meeting called to mark the replacement of former Justice Minister Moshe Nissim by Yitzhak Moda'i, Nissim said: "You cannot govern a state like Israel if you do not ease the tensions and lower the media profile, especially when the media often publish reports based on total ignorance of the facts."

Nissim said there was and would be no compromise over the maintenance of the rule of law in Israel, and he insisted that security did not clash with the rule of law.

Nissim said the fact that the inner cabinet and the attorney-general had a difference of opinion did not mean that governmental discussion of the problem constituted a violation of the rule of law.

The Alignment Knesset caucus yesterday expressed confidence in Peres's handling of the affair and called for a solution that would be acceptable to both Zamir and the government. Privately, however, several Labour MKs were critical of Peres for having allowed the controversy to attain its present proportions. Likud MKs were virtually unanimous that the government was following the correct path in attempting to stop an investigation.

So far, the affair has not yet assumed a divisive political dimension between the two major parties. Part of the reason is that most MKs seem to have little information beyond what they have learned from the media.

Speculation among politicians focused on the possible implication in the affair of Likud ministers Yitzhak Shamir and Moshe Arens, who were prime minister and defence minister, respectively, in April 1984. That would explain their determination to close ranks with Labour's Peres and Rabin.

In an interview on Educational Television's *Erev Hadash* news programme, Aluf (Res.) Meir Zore'a, who had been asked to investigate the original suspicions against the army and GSS men involved in the bus operation, said that it was the GSS's mission to kill the enemies of Israel and "it was only by chance that two of them came out of the fire-fight alive." He said that all the enemies of Israel should know that if they engage in terrorism against Israel, they would be killed.

Wolf Blitzer reports from Washington that *The New York Times* yesterday reported that the continued investigation of GSS head Shalom "would be an extremely messy affair that could lead to a chain of resignations in the intelligence community."

Quoting Israeli political commentators, the newspaper said that the majority of both Labour and Likud cabinet ministers were united against Zamir's plan for an investigation, "so there appeared to be little chance that the affair could topple the government."

The Washington Times, in a report from its correspondent in Israel, Andrew Meisels, quoted an unnamed former GSS official as saying: "The members of the Shin Bet are at war all the time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are fighting this war so that most Israelis can be at peace, without having to worry about terrorism, without having to worry about car-bombing in the streets, daily kidnapping and assassinations.

"If we come to a situation in which every security man will feel that he has to have a lawyer at his side whenever he acts, this country will become like Lebanon."

Reuters cabled from its Israel office in a story labelled "censored" that "Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir might face legal action in connection with the April 1984 killing of two Palestinian gunmen, authoritative sources said. Prime Minister Shimon Peres might also find himself implicated in the case, though he was not in office at the time, the sources said."

Soviet Jewry body moots trade tempter

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. – The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) has drafted a new policy statement that supports for the first time a "step by step" easing of U.S. trade restrictions on the Soviet Union in return for the easing of restrictions on Soviet Jewish emigration and other unspecified actions by Moscow to improve the situation of Soviet Jews.

The statement reaffirms the NCSJ's support for the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which since 1974 has denied most-favoured nation trading status to the Soviet Union unless and until it shows that it has significantly liberalized its emigration policy. The NCSJ statement rejects proposals that Jackson-Vanik be repealed in order to stimulate U.S.-Soviet trade relations and encourage the Soviets to liberalize treatment of Jews.

Parents of hijack victim 'distressed'

The parents of soldier Iris Portuguese, who was killed in the April 1984 Tel Aviv-Ashkelon bus hijacking, yesterday made an impassioned plea for an end to the renewed publicity surrounding the incident.

"I don't see why people are talking about the law when terrorists launch attacks intending to kill indiscriminately," Iris's mother said yesterday.

The soldier's parents were particularly distressed by the resurgence of reports that Iris might have been killed by Israeli bullets. (Itim)

Local doctors answer Benvenisti criticism

Gaza's hospitals are improving

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. – Patients hospitalized in the Shif'a Hospital here may no longer find themselves sharing beds or using dirty sheets, but the general level of the health services is still lower than in Israel proper, Palestinian and Israeli doctors said.

The doctors responsible for the health services in the Gaza Strip spoke yesterday to reporters at a press conference the civil administration convened to rebut some of the criticism levelled in a report on Gaza by Meron Benvenisti's West Bank Data Project.

Benvenisti had criticized the general situation in the Strip as being "below the level of shame" and some of his examples concerned the Shif'a Hospital.

The report spoke of rats and cockroaches running around, patients having to share beds and sometimes being placed on dirty – even blood-stained – sheets.

Addressing reporters in the presence of Israeli officials, the hospital's director, Zimmo Ghaleb, said some of these problems had existed two or three years ago. Rats had plagued the entire city but that problem had been eradicated. He added that the deficiency in sheets no longer existed and that there was no permanent shortage of medicines.

However, the hospital is incapable of handling difficult cases, and in some cases patients are sent to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer or to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Moreover, patients must wait six to eight months for a hernia operation and up to a year for a tonsillectomy. Though on average only 63 per cent of the beds are occupied, there are nights when all beds in a ward are taken while one or two patients wait to be admitted.

A well-informed source who spoke on condition of anonymity also complained that because of a lack of a proper intensive care unit, casualties in serious road accidents are sometimes driven to Ashkelon, bleeding.

A World Health Organization report said the infant mortality rate in the Strip for 1985 was 33.4 per 1,000 births. This represented a steady drop from the past, but it is still slightly more than double the rate in Israel. Staff Officer for Health Nimrod Shulshan said that both the standard of living in the Strip and the level of hospital services "have not reached those of Israel, and that partly influences the rate of child mortality."

A visit to the hospital gave an uneven picture. Workers were seen cleaning the wards, sheets appeared clean – even in wards to which the group of reporters were not taken – and some were fairly new. There were empty beds in many wards and workers and nurses interviewed without management's knowledge said there were no more rats.

The impressive new $4m. maternity ward delivers some 600 to 700 babies a month, of which 30 to 40 are Caesarean sections. There is also a unit for treating premature babies.

However, a visit to the burn section showed walls already black from negligence. People waiting at the entrance to the X-ray rooms squatted on the floor rather than sitting on backless benches in another shabby room. And in one department cats walked through the corridor and into rooms.

Soviets punish defiant Begun for refusing to remove 'kippa'

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. – Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun is being subjected to punitive measures in prison because of his refusal to remove his skullcap, according to Soviet Jewry activists in Jerusalem who spoke with his wife by telephone this week. Begun says that as a religious Jew he will not go bareheaded, no matter what the cost to himself.

Begun, the foremost Hebrew teacher in the Soviet Union and the Zionist activist put on trial more times than any other, was recently released from a hospital and returned to the notorious Chistopol prison. He had been hospitalized for several weeks due to a heart condition.

Begun entered Chistopol in 1984 weighing some 80 kilograms. When he was admitted to the hospital he weighed only 54 kilos, the result of meagre prison rations, his wife Ina reported in a phone call to the Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre in Jerusalem.

Although Soviet law officially guarantees prisoners two visits annually, Begun has not been allowed to see his wife since August 1985, as a punishment for his refusal to conform to the "accepted code of attire" in prison. This, Ina was told, meant his insistence on wearing his skullcap.

Because of the skullcap, Begun was placed under the harshest regimen in prison, which put additional strain on his already frail health.

According to the prison authorities, Ina will be permitted to see her husband only in October of this year – if by that time he has stopped "offending" the Soviets and has removed his skullcap.

Begun is serving his third sentence, a seven-year term in Chistopol. This term is to be followed by another five years of internal exile in Siberia.

Meanwhile, the Soviets have refused the early release on medical grounds, of Prisoner of Zion Yuli Edelstein. Edelstein suffered a shattered pelvic bone and a torn urethra while in prison. But *The Jerusalem Post* has learned of a secret Soviet stipulation that permits an early release for medical reasons if a prisoner has lost the use of both legs, both arms or both eyes.

Jerry Lewis adds from London:

Following Friday's arrest of a prominent Soviet Jew and his family, activists in Britian sent telegrams to the British parliamentary delegation currently in Moscow asking them to intercede with the Soviet authorities.

Boris Chernobilsky, a 42-year-old radio-electronics engineer, his wife Leah, and their three children, were all detained by the KGB after they staged a seven-minute demonstration outside the Bolshoi ballet in Moscow.

On Monday evening, the 35s, the women's campaign for Soviet Jewry, immediately alerted the Inter-Parliamentary Union delegation, which is headed by Deputy Prime Minister Lord Whitelaw.

Chernobilsky's wife and children were allowed to go home after interrogation, but he has been given a 15-day sentence. He has already spent a year in prison following a trumped-up charge of striking a policeman. The whole family holds Israeli citizenship.

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right for the attorney-general to publicly criticize the entire Knesset (for not having passed the anti-racism bill last week), but forbidden for the minister of justice to publicly criticize the attorney-general?"

Geula Cohen (Tehiya) said that the GSS chief should appear before an inquiry commission not just as an accused but as an accuser. If he really was guilty of twisting evidence, and he does not belittle the gravity of such an act, "He should explain that, the GSS together with other bodies are fighting day and night against a cruel neo-Nazi enemy. War is war, and such an enemy cannot be fought with kid gloves. If you want us to fight with our hands and feet in chains, and judge us as you judge the enemy, that's fine with us. From now on, instead of being concerned about the country's skin and that of you gentlemen, each one of us will look after his own skin."

Cohen said the problem with Zamir was that the "discretion" he exercises, regarding when to prosecute and when not to, is based on his personal world-view. His discretion led him not to act against the release of 1,050 terrorists, she said. At that time he acquiesced in the security considerations of the government, she said, even though judicial proceedings were then in progress against three of those released. "And I didn't see even one of the 'bleeding hearts' here get up and present a no-confidence motion."

Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) said that security must not be based on lies and concealment of the truth from the public and the Knesset. The question, he said, was whether it is permissible to murder captives. If two Israel captives were murdered, we would shout: Barbarians! Nazis!

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) said that the suspicion must be investigated thoroughly and the truth revealed: was there or was there not an attempt to suborn witnesses? The question today was not who did or didn't kill the two terrorists, but whether there was a conspiracy to twist the evidence, and whether such a conspiracy could have thrown the blame on an innocent person.

"I personally want to know whether I should go to Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai and beg his pardon," Sarid said.

Sadlers Wells' about-face

By JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – The Sadlers Wells Ballet company voted yesterday to go ahead with its visit to Israel next month.

The company is due to give six performances of Swan Lake as part of the Israel Festival.

Paul Findlay, the company's deputy manager, said that the decision was not unanimous, but he was confident that the tour would go ahead.

Two weeks ago the 57 dancers and 20 technical back-up staff voted against going to Israel in view of the "terrorist risk." They cited the threat made by Libyan spokesmen that Britain and its citizens were now terror targets following Margaret Thatcher's agreement to allow U.S. F-111 warplanes to take off from England in the American raid on Libya last month.

A public outcry followed the Sadlers Wells decision and MPs tabled a motion in Parliament criticizing it. Last week, tour organizer Victor Hochhauser arranged for a small delegation of dancers and management to visit Israel and inspect security arrangements for themselves.

We deeply mourn the sudden passing of

DR. SOLOMON BURACK ז"ל

The funeral will take place Wednesday evening, May 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the Sanhedria Jerusalem cemetery.

The Family

הקמת מצבה

Unveiling of the tombstone of our dear husband and father

CHAIM ELIEZER (LEV) GLUCK ז"ל

will be held today, Wednesday, 19 Iyar, 5746 (May 28, 1986) at 5 p.m. at Mt. Olives cemetery (near Inter-Continental Hotel).
Bus will leave from the Mattersdorf Synagogue plaza, Jerusalem at 4:30 p.m. and will also pick up passengers near the Apirion Hall, Yirmiyahu cor. Eli Hacohen streets.

The Family

Thatcher a hit in her constituency's 'twin' town

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Thousands of children waving little Israeli and British flags, along with hundreds of adults, yesterday lined Ramat Gan's main streets, wating for the brief visit at noon of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The elders of Ramat Gan could not remember quite such an air of festive anticipation, nor could they remember when last the streets on which scores of municipal workers had laboured for days, had been so clean.

From the morning hours, the town's flag-bedecked main streets were closed to traffic while mounted police, border police and security guards kept order. Loudspeakers blared out military marches and popular songs, and at the expected hour of arrival the city's youth orchestra began playing marches near the Rambam Square, where a large stage decked with Union Jack and Israeli flags had been built.

The "Iron Lady" could not have been warmer than here, in the twin-city of Finchley-Barnett, Thatcher's constituency. She told Ramat Gan's residents that apart from this special relationship, the British ambassador to Israel had resided in Ramat Gan since Israel's independence.

"I therefore wanted to make a special visit to Ramat Gan and I am so happy that I came and received such a wonderful welcome.

"I shall never forget my visit to Israel and to Ramat Gan. They both symbolize the relations and understanding between Israel and Britain. Long may this feeling live and we shall do everything within our power to ensure that it does. God Bless you," Thatcher declared. The crowd stood and applauded.

Ramat Gan Mayor Uri Amit presented his guest with a copper rocket shell with silver ornaments made by the Bezalel Academy of Arts. Thatcher said she would keep the shell, used by Gen. Allenby in his 1917 campaign against the Turks, in her study in No. 10 Downing Street.

On her recent 60th birthday, Thatcher was told the Ramat Gan-Finchley friendship Society had planted 60 trees in her honour in a forest near Jerusalem.

Ramat Gan will also present Thatcher with a kid, a deer and a lion – the symbols of Finchley Barnett.

Amit said he would give Thatcher a letter from the parents of missing Ramat Gan soldier Yehuda Katz and ask her to act among Arab leaders on behalf of Katz and other missing Israeli soldiers.

Before leaving the stage, Thatcher returned once more to the podium to say, in Hebrew, *Toda Raba*. As she descended, pandemonium erupted. The crowds, until now fairly orderly, surged enthusiastically into the street after her, with the police and security guards struggling to keep order.

After Thatcher departed in her armoured limousine on her way to the Ben-Gurion Airport, the crowds dispersed. All the blooming red, pink, orange and yellow flowers which had brightened the entrance to City Hall, had been trampled to the ground by the crowd. "The residents loved her. That's the important thing. The flowers are a small price to pay for such a successful visit," a municipal spokesman said.

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'Closing historical circle'

The following comments were among those made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres Monday evening at a Knesset ceremony in honour of visiting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher:

Madame Prime Minister:

I had the chance today to accompany Mrs. Thatcher to Sde Boker, Ashkelon and the Weizmann Institute. When the leader of Great Britain stood by the grave of David Ben-Gurion I felt that one historical circle had been closed and another historical chapter was being opened.

I felt that history was touching upon history; a people was meeting a people...History touched history because there has been a most awesome accounting between the Jewish people and the British people since Oliver Cromwell was among the first in Europe to recognize the equal rights of the Jewish people... It is also no simple thing that a man like Benjamin Disraeli... became a leader who made his mark in that great land despite his being a Jew.

A people touching a people; what Cyrus did at the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, Lord Balfour did in the twentieth century...by granting legitimacy to the Zionist enterprise in a Western world in which Great Britain was beyond all doubt the prevailing power.

We remember not only the Balfour Declaration, but also Lord Balfour's visit to dedicate the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. We are among the few peoples who have had a university before they had a state. And since then, many and great people, including Winston Churchill and other great leaders have stood by the Jewish people, by the Zionist idea, and by the State of Israel.

There is no point in denying that there have also been moments of confrontations, hours of disagreement, and even days of war. I hope that Mrs. Thatcher will accept my remarks in a good spirit if I say that if one has to fight someone, it is best to fight Great Britain. There is something about Britain, that even in war, the memories that remain over a historical remove are not so bitter... Today these memories are largely on the positive side of the ledger, not only a people, not only history, but a national point of view touching another national point of view. In our Knesset, for example, we are deeply indebted to the island of humanity where, nearly a millenium ago, the principle of parliamentary control over government was born.

And finally, we may agree, and we may disagree. I want to say that I am sure, that we agree very much on the desire to see a peaceful Middle East, a Middle East in which Jews, Arabs, and Druse, Christians and Moslems live without enmity, not by the sword, but in peace. And even if we do not always agree on the methods, we do not belittle the goodwill that the British prime minister brings to this region in an effort to contribute to the resumption of the peace process in our midst.

Madame, you represent a nation toward which we have never been apathetic: whose contribution to our lives as a nation and as members of the Jewish people we will never forget. I must also say that we have a great deal of respect for your courage, your leadership, and your efforts to put Great Britain on its feet and take its place in the world – without an empire, but with an outlook. We respect the leadership, we remember the past, we are partners for the future. May your presence among us be blessed.



(Rahamim Israeli)

Police who provided security for British Prime Minister Thatcher's visit, throw their hats in the air and heave a collective sigh of relief upon Mrs. Thatcher's departure from Jerusalem, yesterday.

Peres seen okaying bigger subsidies to exporters

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury is strongly opposed to the proposal by the Industry Ministry to grant enlarged subsidies to exporters to the U.S. Treasury officials said yesterday the plan was not only too costly, but would also create grave distortions in the economy.

But the Treasury is afraid that it is fighting a losing battle. A special meeting on the issue will be convened today at the Prime Minister's office, and the Treasury officials fear that Premier Peres has already decided to give in to the demands of the exporters and the Industry Ministry.

The officials said that every economic expert in the Treasury and the Bank of Israel has expressed strong opposition to the plan, but that Peres is under political pressure from Industry Minister Ariel Sharon and Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi to approve the scheme.

According to some calculations the cost of the entire package could reach $180 million. This would include $70m.-$80m. for enlarged subsidies through "exchange rate insurance schemes," a similar sum for enlarged incentives for exporters increasing their sales to abroad by more than 5 per cent and some $20 million for marketing campaigns abroad.

The Industry Ministry has estimated that since the beginning of this year export profitability has dropped 20-25 per cent from its average level last year.

But the Treasury officials say the blame for the drop in profitability should be put on the industrialists, particularly those in the electronics and machinery industries. The officials claim these sectors offered their employees "under the table" wage increases, and now they want the government to pay the bill.

According to the officials, if the government gives in it would be a clear regression to the years preceding the economic stabilization plan. "All those years the industrialists got used to competing for a very limited number of highly trained workers by paying very high wages, which was financed with government grants and subsidies. There was no encouragement for efficiency," they said.

Herzog to Reform Jews: Get into politics

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recognition of Reform Judaism in Israel depends on reforming the electoral process, President Herzog told a delegation of U.S. Reform Jews this week.

Terming Herzog's evaluation the one useful assessment that the delegation had received from Israeli leaders, Charles Rothschild Jr., chairman of the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, admitted that his group has encountered obstacles and frustrations here.

The group had also called on Prime Minister Peres, Deputy Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Rothschild said these men had repeated their advice that more Reform Jews come to Israel, a solution which he rejects out of hand. If one followed that logic, he said, Jews throughout the Diaspora would always remain second- and third-class citizens because they were only a small part of the population in their host countries.

Herzog, on the other hand, told the group that Reform Jews already living in Israel, including on Reform kibbutzim, should involve themselves in the political process here, to change the system which gives proportional representation even to small groups. Until then, the president said, not just the Reform movement, but other groups within society would continue to suffer.

Rothschild termed Herzog's comments "positive and helpful," providing a new insight.

In the U.S., Rothschild said, Reform Jews were struggling against the Habad movement. The followers of the Lubavitcher Rebbe had promised the Brooklyn rabbi a change in Israel's "Who is a Jew" law for the latter's 80th birthday, Rothschild said.

Rothschild added that his own movement was embarking on a campaign to inform Reform Jews "What Lubavitch stands for," stressing Habad's "paid professional lobbies in the Knesset to change the Law of Return."

The Reform campaign will also point out that Habad does not subscribe to the separation of church and state in the U.S., a principle which the Reform movement considers highly important. And yet, Rothschild said, much of the funding for the Habad hassidim comes from Reform Jews.

At the same time, the Reform bodies are conducting a drive for allocations for their programmes and institutions in Israel, "commensurate with the support our people in the U.S. give to UJA. The majority of the funds come from the non-Orthodox, while the majority of the funding goes to Orthodox institutions," Rothschild said.

But the Reform movement was not considering any alternative appeal at this time. "We prefer to work within the system," he said.

This week, in two separate ceremonies, the members of the group attended the dedication of dormitories for American students at Kibbutz Tzor'a and the new communal settlement at Har Halutz, in the Galilee mountains between Carmiel and Ma'alot. The latter settlement now has 14 families from the U.S. Reform movement and aims at 180.



Larry Coryell

Guitarist Larry Coryell in concert in Israel

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jazz guitarist Larry Coryell and his band get on the road here this week, opening Chick Corea's shows at Caesarea on Saturday night and at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool next Monday.

Coryell, supported by Bob Moses and Miroslav Vitos, is also headlining his own shows at Jerusalem's Gerard Behar Centre on Sunday afternoon, at Tel Aviv University Students' Day that same evening, and at Tzavta Tel Aviv, in a jam session with local jazz musicians, next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, tickets are already on sale for British band Jethro Tull's concert on June 30 at Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park. Tull, a mildly eccentric bunch who have been playing together for over 15 years, are to be supported by the young British group Simply Red.

Day-time snooze for children who took pills

TIBERIAS (Itim). – Five Ethiopian children between four and eight were taken to hospital yesterday, having fallen asleep after taking an assortment of pills.

"We thought they were sweets," the children explained on waking up at Poriah hospital here.

The children found the pills in one of the rooms of the absorption centre where they live. Their mothers were alerted by the unusual sight of the children fast asleep at 11 in the morning.

Poriah doctors said the children appeared to have taken at least five kinds of tablets against various chronic illnesses.

The festival's trickiest juggling act

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Festival Diary

Andre Touboul is the festival juggler. He juggles pipes and hammers and curtains and boxes, and he juggles time and people and whims and crises.

As head of the technical department of the Jerusalem Theatre, which this year became a multi-stage performing arts complex, Touboul deals with problems from the mundane, through the sublime, to the ridiculous.

He runs the workshop where props are built; a warehouse where stage implements as simple as pipes and as complex as a lighting computer are kept. His home, for the three weeks of the festival, is in the wings of the stages. Look for Andre in the theatre complex and you may find him searching behind the boxed basses of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, standing like modern mummies in the corner, for a pipe with a small enough diameter to slip through the hem of a piece of muslin 15 metres wide and 10 metres tall.

Go find, on 48 hours' notice, 100 kilos of the unperfumed talcum powder with which some dancers must cover themselves several times during each of their half dozen performances. Touboul has done it, sending his crews to every pharmacist between here and Tel Aviv, collecting half a kilo here, a kilo there.

Need to find a few dozen sheep and cow carcasses, and a freezer to keep them in, for a performance about a middle-aged woman butcher and her unhappy lover? Touboul's your man. He'll go out to the Shuafat slaughterhouse, and negotiate amid the moaning cows and weeping sheep. You need a dozen mirrors for a dressing room in a cave? See Andre.

For the three weeks of the festival, Touboul has taken on more than a dozen extra hands, who do everything from searching for good props to shlepping them. The biggest problem is timing.

The technical crew, led by the technical manager of the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane and Company dance troupe, spent 13 hours, working from just before midnight on Monday through Tuesday noon, to prepare the lights and sets for the 90-minute performance of the modern dance group. A company like Jones and Zane travels through Europe, Asia and America, and technical manager Casey McClellan carries the bible – well, actually a sort of Berlitz – of travelling theatre groups. It's called *Theaterwords*, and it is a dictionary of all the technical language of the theatre backstage and abovestage, in nine different languages, with pictures for countries where none of the nine work.

In Jerusalem this week, McClellan hasn't had to use the book. And to a large degree that's the doing of the wiry, balding Touboul.

The theatre complex is not exactly a beehive of activity – at least not in the lobbies or even on many of the stages – during the day. But go backstage, to the shadowy wings, and suddenly you begin to notice people. This one is wielding a hammer; that one is working a broom. This one is at a computer terminal typing in lighting cues, while that one is testing sound levels. The auditoriums are empty. The bustle is all about those 12 hours needed to set up for a 90-minute performance. And Andre is the one they turn to with a question, a crisis, an artistic whim.

NIS 500 in candles is needed for a performance of a 12th century musical, but the Ensemble for Early Music is performing, appropriately, in the outdoor amphitheatre of the Citadel and the wind will put out the candles. Andre thinks for a few minutes, and suggests some torches. He happens to have some left over from a performance in the theatre last year.

He's been sleeping, if he's lucky, four hours a night. He says he manages to get home, but one of his workers says that by the middle of next week, when the halfway mark is reached and the troupes are coming in and out of the theatre "like the airport the day before Pessah," Andre will use a cot he has stashed away in his workroom.

He won't get to see many of the performances from the plush seats in the auditorium. He has a backstage view.

Eight months in jail for extorting NIS 3

HAIFA (Itim). – An Acre man was sentenced yesterday to eight months in jail, with a further ten months suspended, for extorting NIS 3.

The District Court here heard that Eliahu Edri, 24, forced a customer at Acre's Exodus Cafe into the cafe's bathroom and made him hand over the contents of his pockets – NIS 3. Later, realizing that NIS 3 would not get him very far, Edri returned the money to the customer.

In passing sentence, Judge Eliahu Cohen rejected Edri's defence that he had only been asking for a loan.

Mail averages 3.5 days

Letters took an average of 3.5 days to reach their destinations inside the country in April, according to the Postal Service.

This is an improvement over last April's 3.8 days, but a decline from this March's 3.4 days.

Perservance gets action on IDF chaplain

TEL AVIV. – A Bezek telephonist, Ehud Spiegel, appears to have overcome army and police indifference to a circular by the IDF chaplain in the West Bank calling for the total destruction of "the Amalekite nation." Spiegel has fought a determined one-man battle to get the police to commit themselves to launch an inquiry.

The circular had been written in a way which convinced soldiers who read it that it was a reference to the Arabs, though its writer, Rav Seren Shmuel Derlich, did not mention them by name and later insisted he did not have the Arabs in mind. Derlich later claimed he had meant the Germans.

In the four-page circular, filled with biblical quotations and distributed among the troops, Derlich wrote that "we are ordered to erase (Amalek's) name and all that is even remotely connected with the Amalekite nation."

King Saul had had a "golden opportunity" to do so but he spared the women, children and their king so he "was punished," lost his throne and died in battle, Derlich wrote.

The chaplain then noted that in the past generation the Amalekite enemy has appeared "in the form of the German nation" and today Amalek "is lying in ambush for us waiting for the right moment to... destroy us."

The head of the civil administration in Judea and Samaria, Tat-Aluf Ephraim Sneh, and chief education officer Tat-Aluf Nehemia Dagan had forwarded the circular to superiors but the latter dropped the matter.

The IDF spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* the army did not intend to make "much ado about nothing."

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* earlier this week Ehud Spiegel of Ramat Gan said he had gone to the Bethlehem police to file a complaint against Derlich. An investigator named Baruch Agami had refused to register the complaint and addressed him in a tone suggesting he, Spiegel, was crazy. "Don't you have anything better to do," Agami reportedly asked.

Spiegel then went to the Jerusalem police and met with a similar response.

Finally, he wrote Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, who instructed police to "examine the matter".

Betar sink Shimshon to lift the State Cup

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. – Goals by Eli Ohana and Uri Malmillian gave Betar Jerusalem the State Cup for the second year in succession, with a well-deserved 2-1 victory in extra time over Shimshon Tel Aviv.

President Herzog presented Betar captain Hanan Azulai with the cup to the cheers of 20,000 fans at the Ramat Gan stadium.

It was the fourth time that Betar had won the cup in the past ten years. For the Tel Aviv Yemenite quarter club it was a second disappointing appearance in the cup final; 20 years ago when they were beaten by Hapoel Haifa.

The first half of yesterday's match was slow, notable only for a terrible miss by Ohana. Malmillian fired a perfect pass across the Shimshon penalty area to find Ohanna alone with an open goal, but from three metres out the striker ballooned the ball over the bar.

The game came to life when, early in the second half, Sami Malka came on in place of Meir Kadosh. In the 60th minute, the fresh player slammed a hard shot at goal which Shimshon goalkeeper Freddie Lessner could only parry. Ohana was on hand to slot the rebound into the roof of the net.

Shimshon then threw everyone into the attack. But veteran strikers Vicky Peretz and Gideon Damti were too slow to trouble the Betar defenders. In the 75th minute Peretz missed a golden chance to level, when he was caught daydreaming before an open goal.

Shimshon finally got back on terms in the 80th minute, when Ephraim Arbiv collected a Peretz header and coolly placed his shot in the Betar net.

The game went into extra time, and just before the end of the first period, Malmillian ran into a glorious long pass from Ya'acov Schwartz to shoot the winning goal from 10 metres.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Tomb to be restored, beggars to be removed

TIBERIAS (Itim). – An anonymous donor from abroad has given $700,000 for refurbishing the tomb here of Rabbi Meir Ba'al Heness, on condition the city remove beggars from the site.

Mayor Yigal Bibi, who says he has agreed, added that the family donating the money wants to remain anonymous because of its business dealings in the Arab world.

Ramle man charged with bigamy

TEL AVIV (Itim). – Elrahamim Ya'acobov, 34, from Ramle, was charged with bigamy yesterday in the district court here.

The charge sheet stated that Ya'acobov, who had been married to Rosa since September 1983, got married again in April 1985 to Kosnia Yoshibaiba. This ceremony took place in the bomb shelter of a building, the charge sheet stated.

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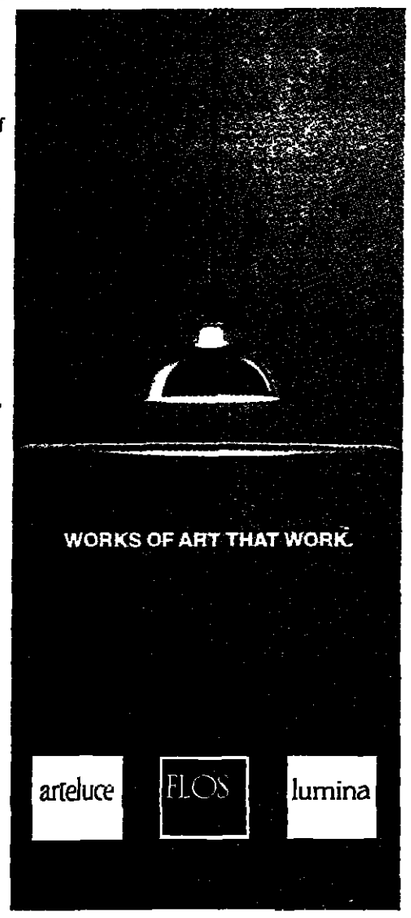
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Tension at East-West Berlin border

Allies defy E. Germans on passports

EAST BERLIN (Reuter). – Western allied diplomats passed through border points to West Berlin yesterday in defiance of new East German directives demanding a show of passports, and allied sources showed concern for a quick solution to tensions.

One allied source here said U.S., British and French officials had considered a series of possible responses to the directive, in force since Monday. These included, as a possible last resort, a break in diplomatic relations.

But the U.S. yesterday denied it was considering breaking diplomatic relations with East Germany over the new passport regulations on the East-West Berlin border.

A statement issued by the U.S. embassy in Bonn said the report from East Berlin was inaccurate.

Senior allied officials in Bonn said there had been no consultations between western governments on such a step and that the western powers were a long way from even considering such a retaliatory move.

West German government sources said they were surprised by the reports and were aware of no discussion about the possibility of breaking diplomatic links.

East Germany said yesterday its passport restrictions on western diplomats were meant to satisfy the West's demands for anti-terrorist measures.

An East German Foreign Ministry spokesman said the restrictions were linked "to demands by western countries for East German measures against terorrism."

The allied officials said discussions on the border problem had so far been held by "medium-level officials" in Berlin and that examination of possible retaliatory moves had not been carried out at a senior level.

"Breaking relations is of course a theoretical option, but it is very far from serious consideration now. Nothing so apocalyptic has been discussed up to now," one official said.

Earlier yesterday East German border guards allowed British, U.S. and French diplomats to cross with red diplomatic cards but warned that only passports would be accepted in future.

A number of other Nato diplomats had already been turned back at the border after refusing to show passports.

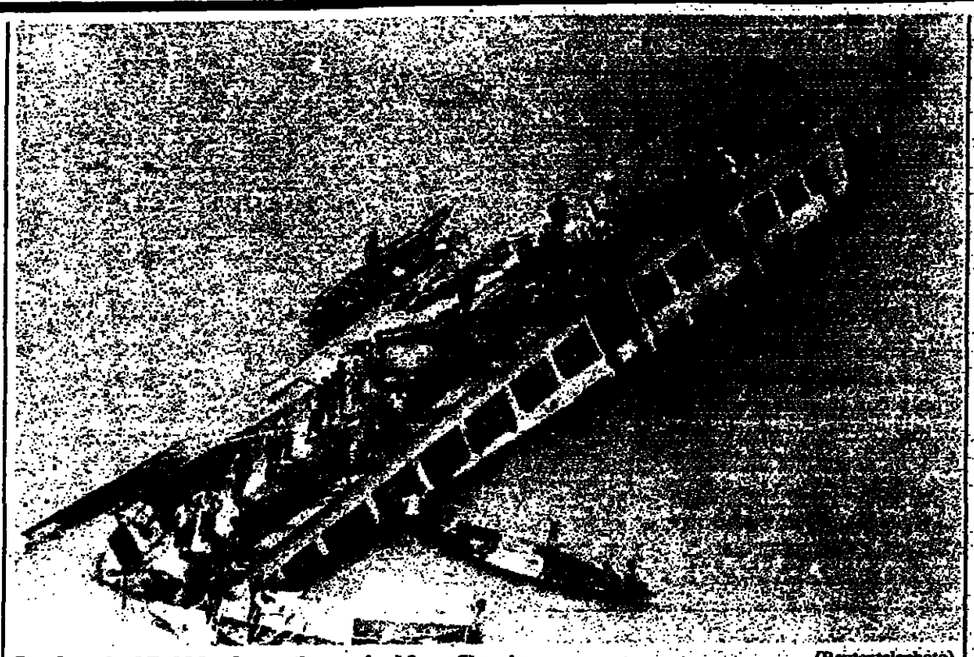
The Bonn ambassadors of the U.S., Britain and France are also governors of the three sectors of West Berlin controlled by the World War Two allies. Their embassies in the West German capital maintain a so-called Bonn group which discusses Berlin problems.

The allied officials said there would be several more meetings between western officials in Berlin and further contacts with the Soviet Union before any response was considered to the new rules.

The western allies see the new passport regulations as a possible bid by East Germany to establish the East-West-Berlin border as an international frontier.

The three western powers insist that the whole of Berlin is still under occupied status under agreements drawn up after the war and treat East Berlin as the Soviet sector of the city.

They have refused to deal directly with East Germany on the issue and are discussing it instead with Soviet officials.



Survivors huddled Monday on the capsized ferry Shamia (Reuter telephoto)

Bangladesh death toll may reach 600

DACCA. – Rescue workers using fishing nets have retrieved more than 200 bodies after a ferry capsized during a storm, in what appeared to be Bangladesh's worst river disaster. Up to 600 people were feared dead.

Divers on crane-fitted ships were struggling yesterday to salvage the double-decker ferry Shamia, which overturned in the Meghna River 125 km. south of here on Sunday night with at least 1,000 people aboard, as reported in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*. One official at Bhola, the site of the accident, feared the death toll may be 600, and he said barely 400 people managed to reach the shore.

Officials reported that 69 bodies were recovered yesterday, bringing the official count to 149, but many bodies were still trapped inside the sunken vessel.

Additional scores are thought to have been swept downstream by strong currents and 100km-per-hour winds that delayed rescue operations for hours, an official said.

The government has asked relatives to identify and collect bodies piled on the river bank. Witnesses said many bodies were already rotting under the scorching sun.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad has fired several navigation officers, banned the movement of double-decker river ferries and ordered checks on their structural design. It is the second river disaster in Bangladesh this year.

At least 200 people were killed when another double-decker sank in the Shitalakhya near Dacca on April 21. (Reuter, AP)

SPORTS

Fine win for Amos Mansdorf

Post Sports Staff

Amos Mansdorf confirmed his continuing good form on the international tennis circuit with a convincing first round victory in the French Open over Czech Davis Cup racket Pavel Slozil. The young Israeli had to steel himself before winning the opening set at 7-5, he slipped somewhat and dropped the second at 2-6 but then came up strongly to win in four sets 6-2, 6-4.

Slozil is ranked 86 in the world and Mansdorf 76. Other men's winners yesterday included Paul McNamee who beat sixth-seeded Swede Joakim Nystrom in four easy sets, Frenchmen Henri Leconte and Guy Forget, Andres Gomez of Ecuador and Anders Jarryd of Sweden.

Martina in a hurry

PARIS (AP). – Top-seeded Martina Navratilova rushed past Italy's Sandra Cecchini, while Australia's Paul NcNamee upset sixth-seeded Swede Joakim Nystrom in the first round of the French Open yesterday.

Navratilova took just over one hour to beat Ceccini 6-3, 6-3, breaking the Italian's serve to win the match. So overwhelming was Navratilova's performance that, when she missed a shot, Ceccini muttered: "She's not a god."

Afterwards, Martina took a swipe at the American media. "I wish someone had asked me about it," she said, referring to her crying after losing to Steffi Graf in the final of a woman's tournament in Berlin eight days ago.

"I don't cry over losing a match," the world's top-ranked player said. "You didn't see me cry last year when I lost in the French final to Chris. Did you?"

The reason for the tears, she said, was that her family was not together. "My parents were watching the match on television in Prague because they weren't allowed to go to Berlin. My sister, Jana, watched on television in Bonn because she wasn't allowed to go to Berlin. My whole family was within 300 miles of each other and we couldn't be together."

Cup problems

LISBON (Reuter). – Portugal's government yesterday attacked a protest over pay by the country's World Cup players as unsporting, ill-timed and undignified and appealed to them to assume their responsibilities as sportsmen and professionals.

The 22 players in Mexico preparing for Saturday's opening of the Mundial are demanding improved daily allowances and bonuses for World Cup matches and on Sunday refused to play a practice game in Monterrey to back their claims.

With the World Cup opening only a few days off other countries have other favourites. Several title favourites, including Brazil, France Uruguay and England, are trying to get key players fit for the grueling month-long tournament.

Experienced Celtics utilize Rockets fouls

BOSTON (Reuter). – The Boston Celtics made experience payoff as they roared away in the second half to beat the young Houston Rockets 112-100 in the first game of the National Basketball Association best-of-seven championship final.

The turning point came with a little less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter when Nigerian superstar 23-year-old Akeem Olajuwon of the Rockets was assessed his fifth foul and was pulled from the game.

The Celtics, who were leading by five at the time of Olajuwon's departure, ran the lead up to 15 by the end of the quarter and as high as 21 in the fourth quarter.

Olajuwon returned in the fourth quarter but by then the Celtics, showing the experience which allowed them to compile a league-best 67-15 record during the regular season, had established control.

The Celtics' big front line scored evenly – 23 for Centre Robert Parish and 21 each for forwards Kevin McHale and Larry Bird.

For Houston, Olajuwon finished with 33 points but the other half of the "Twin Towers," Ralph Sampson, missed nearly 20 minutes of the first half because of foul troubles of his own.

Angels leave New York in style

NEW YORK (AP). – Rookie Wally Joyner made sure the California Angels left New York on a positive note. Joyner hit his major League-leading 16th homer, a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning that rallied the Angels past New York 8-7, in Monday's action. California broke a five-game losing streak and ended the Yankees' five-game winning string.

Joyner connected for his game-winning homer after reliever Dave Righetti, 4-2, retired the first two California batters in the ninth on two pitches before Brian Downing singled. Joyner fouled off the first pitch before homering into the right-field seats.

In other American League games, Boston beat Cleveland 5-3, Minnesota pounded Toronto 9-1, Detroit got past Oakland 5-4 in 10 innings, Seattle held off Baltimore 7-6, Milwaukee blanked Kansas City 4-0 and Texas trimmed Chicago 7-2.

In National League games, Atlanta bounced Pittsburgh 9-4, Chicago downed Cincinnati 9-6, Houston beat St. Louis 4-1 and San Diego outslugged Montreal 9-6.

Doron v. Barnard

By JACK LEON

RAMAT HASHARON. – Israel's second-ranking woman tennis player Sagit Doron, 21, today faces top South African junior Linda Barnard, 17, in the Masters singles final of the Vanessa Phillips Women's Tennis Association satellite circuit at the ITC courts here.

Barnard has already won two of the three tournaments on the $20,000 circuit and finished as runner-up in the other, but the Israeli had limited success until now.

With a scintillating display of all-court tennis, unseeded Doron needed only an hour for her 6-2, 6-3 semi-final victory over third-seeded South African Paulett Roux. No. 1 seed Barnard was rather more extended in her 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 triumph against Swedish-domiciled Czech Michaela Pazderova, who was also unseeded in the 16-draw.

The all-conquering Barnard and her partner Roux will be going for their third doubles title on the circuit, when they meet Doron and Israeli champion Ilana Berger in the doubles final. Play starts today at 2 p.m.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Fired Thai army leader pledges loyalty

BANGKOK. – Thailand's civilian prime minister yesterday dismissed the commander of the politically powerful army, sparking rumours of an imminent coup.

But Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek, 60, defused tension when he said he accepted the order and pledged loyalty to King Bhumibol Adul Yadej.

No official reason was given for his dismissal by Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda. But a government spokesman suggested he was fired for meddling in politics and because he may have planned to interfere in the July 27 general elections.

Arthit has publicly challenged Prem on a number of occasions, and is widely regarded as coveting the prime ministership. Earlier this month, Prem dissolved the parliament and called early general elections after the government lost a vote which Arthit is rumoured to have manipulated. (Reuter, AP)

Tatum O'Neal gives birth to McEnroe's son

SANTA MONICA (AP). – Actress Tatum O'Neal has given birth to tennis star John McEnroe's son, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

The 3.9kg. boy was born Friday, and both mother and baby went home Monday in good health, the spokeswoman said. She didn't know the baby's name.

The couple at first denied rumours that O'Neal, 22, the daughter of actor Ryan O'Neal, was pregnant. But in an interview in December, McEnroe, 27, acknowledged the pregnancy and said the couple planned to marry.

"I'm proud of it," he said of the impending birth.

He said mother and baby would travel with him on the tennis circuit. "I'm not going to leave them."

Soviet rock stars to sing for Chernobyl

MOSCOW (Reuter). – Top Soviet pop stars are giving a concert at a Moscow stadium on Friday to raise money for relief work connected to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, theatre officials said yesterday.

The country's best-known singer, Alla Pugachova, and rock band Avtograph are among seven acts scheduled to appear at the unprecedented show at the northern Moscow Olympic Stadium.

The event is called "Account No. 904," a reference to a national fund set up last week for citizens to contribute to relief work for the community affected by the April 26 disaster.

87-year-old woman batters purse-snatcher

NEW YORK (AP). – An 87-year-old woman fought off a bicycle-riding purse-snatcher with an umbrella and the help of a passerby, police said.

Vera Tucker was walking in Manhattan's fashionable East Side Monday when a man on a bicycle grabbed her purse, said Sgt. John Venetucci.

The woman began hitting the man with her umbrella, knocking him off his bicycle. Then Gregory Culley, 33, interceded.

"I saw this elderly woman whapping a man," Culley said. "I wouldn't like to have been him. The umbrella had a good bend."

Culley wrestled the man to the ground, and the man was arrested after a brief scuffle with a police officer.

Jose Ramos, 38, was charged with robbery, resisting arrest and criminal possession of stolen property.

Paris inmate was sprung by 'flying' wife

PARIS (Reuter). – French police said yesterday the woman helicopter pilot who plucked Michel Vaujour from the roof of Paris's Sante prison was the wife of the convicted gangster.

They said she learned to fly and trained for nine months under an assumed name to prepare for Monday's commando-style operation.

Despite a massive hunt, police have found no trace of Vaujour, 35, his wife Nadine Bourgain, 32, or an unidentified male accomplice in the helicopter. The white Alouette helicopter, found abandoned in a nearby football field, was hired in the name of Lena Rigon, a false identity which police say Vaujour's wife used to gain a flying licence.

Guy Croissard, a helicopter instructor, described "Lena Rigon" as a determined pupil who passed her test in record time. She passed her test last September on the first attempt with 58 points out of 60 in the technical exam.

MOBY DICK. – A protest ship named Moby Dick will set out in pursuit of Norway's whaling fleet on Friday in a bid to disrupt the hunt for minke whales, the environmentalist group Greenpeace said yesterday in Hamburg.

BARRE. – Somali President Siad Barre, under treatment at the Riyadh Military Hospital for injuries suffered in a car accident in Somalia last week, was in a "satisfactory condition" yesterday, the official Saudi press agency reported.

Four W. Germans convicted for arms exports

DUSSELDORF (Reuter). – Four West German arms industry executives were found guilty yesterday of flouting government curbs on weapons exports and given suspended prison sentences of between 15 months and two years.

The Dusseldorf high court sentenced Dietrich Falcke, the former managing director of arms-maker Rheinmetall, and company executive Dieter Koehler each to suspended terms of two years for illegally shipping 999 machineguns to Saudi Arabia, a munitions plant to South Africa and spare tank parts to Argentina, worth a total of $90 million, between 1977 and 1980.

Two Rheinmetall middle-grade managers, Hans Voss and Friedrich Striepke, received suspended sentences of 18 and 15 months respectively.

The five-month trial was the first of its kind involving the West German arms industry.

Since 1971, West Germany has prohibited the sale of arms to areas of tension or conflict. It is presently the fifth largest arms exporter in the world.

Basques warn of beach bombs

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (Reuter). – Basque terrorists yesterday threatened to carry out a campaign of summer bombings in Spanish holiday resorts, and rightists warned of tit-for-tat retaliation in the Basque country.

The separatist organization ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) said in a communique to Basque new media it would stage a "campaign of sabotage...on the Mediterranean coast and in other holiday areas."

The Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups (GAL), a shadowy death squad which has killed several suspected ETA members in France, said they would respond to every ETA bomb by setting off another in the Basque country.

ETA, which strikes mainly at soldiers and policemen in its fight for the independence of the Basque country, has killed 11 people this year.

Authorities along the Mediterranean coast said they immediately put into action security plans prepared during ETA's five earlier summer bombing campaigns since 1979.

Special UN session on Africa's economy

UNITED NATIONS (AP). – Senegalese President Abdou Diouf opened a special General Assembly session on Africa's economic crisis yesterday, calling for "a new approach to development in Africa and a new framework of international cooperation."

Organ shortage is main transplant problem

CHICAGO (AP). – Organ-transplant experts are seeking remedies to what they say is the source of all the newly emerging legal and ethical problems they face – a shortage of donor organs.

Because the number of donor organs has failed to keep pace with the rapidly expanding field, controversy has arisen over who gets a donor organ and why.

At issue are reports of wealthy patients being shoved ahead of others on the priority list, American organs being exported while the waiting list in the U.S. remains long, and kidneys being sold overseas by poor people willing to sacrifice one of their two kidneys.

The latest attack came this month after the death of a nine-month-old boy nine hours into a liver-transplant operation in Boston. A donor organ was found too late.

His death renewed debate over the U.S. organ-donor system and underscored the need for a national procurement network to match organs with patients. Such a computerized network, linking the U.S.'s approximately 110 procurement centres, is among 70 recommendations that the National Task Force on Organ Transplantation is expected to submit to Congress in June.

But most experts say a national network won't help us unless more organs are donated, and they are urging all states to pass laws under which hospitals would be required to approach families about the possibility of organ donation. So far, only 18 states have such a law.

Brian Broznick, director of the Pittsburgh Transplant Foundation, said that between 7,000 and 17,000 potential donors are lost annually largely because professionals refuse to discuss organ donation with families of dying patients.

While improved survival rates have led to a surge in transplants – more than 600 liver transplants were performed in 1985, compared with 26 in 1981 – the number of donor organs has climbed only 15 per cent to 20 per cent a year, according to another transplant specialist, Dr. Anthony Monaco, president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons.

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Promoting pluralism

The old American Jewish Committee image is out of date, says David Gordis, the AJC's executive director, who explains its outlook to Post New York Correspondent Walter Ruby

THE AMERICAN Jewish Committee, now celebrating its 80th anniversary, has long been viewed by many as the quintessence of the American Jewish establishment, a group of "Our Crowd" bluebloods given to genteel parlour discussions of the Jewish and human conditions, but leery of social or political activities that would be perceived as unnecessarily pushy or vulgar.

According to executive director David Gordis, 45, the old AJC image is years out of date, and camouflages the reality of a new organization moving forward on a vigorous and assertive course with a forward-looking coherent ideology.

Gordis explained: "We are no longer a self-appointed leadership group of German Jews, but are now a more broad-based organization, and are people who cannot be differentiated in terms of their backgrounds from those of any other of the national organizations. The way I view our present role is as something akin to a movement as opposed to simply an organization with a complex of individual activities."

And the AJC makes "certain ideological assumptions, based on a rather optimistic assessment of Jewish existence in the United States."

Gordis stated emphatically, "We do not see the non-Jewish world as arrayed against the Jewish community. We don't think that anti-Semitism has disappeared by any means, but we see ourselves as full participants in American life. It is for this reason that we put a great emphasis on forming interrelationships with the many other ethnic and religious groups that make up America."

The AJC sees Israel as a unique centre of Jewish life, and without doubt the most prominent feature on the landscape of contemporary Jewish life. But that doesn't mean that other centres are secondary in importance.

Gordis said he emphatically does not regret the large number and diversity of Jewish organizations. "We think the very diversity in organizational structure is an appropriate reflection of pluralism within the Jewish community. We don't argue for reduction in the number of organizations, but for coordination between the groups to prevent waste and to cut down on unhealthy competition."

Turning to the role of the AJC in acting in support of Israel, Gordis commented: "We are one of the groups that try to promote Israel's interests in the U.S. We have credibility on Capitol Hill because we are a centrist, broad-based group that makes our voice heard in a quiet behind-the-scenes fashion. We don't try to take the place of the kind of work Aipac (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) does, but we give another perspective which is also very valuable."

He said that political leaders turn to the AJC "because they know our judgments are independent (of Israel) and come out of a wide-ranging American agenda."

In Israel, the organization's Institute of Israel-Diaspora Relations carries out frequent exchanges between American Jews and Israelis, and conducts research and public opinion in both countries.

Gordis said: "I have raised hackles by stating that Israel cannot be built on the ruins of American Jewish life.... For American Jews, America is really where we are going to stay. While Israelis may hope for more aliya, denigration of the Diaspora is not solid ground on which to build an intimate relationship."

Asked if his statement was not in line with the AJC's ambivalence toward Zionism before the creation of Israel, Gordis responded: "We were never anti-Zionist, but non-Zionist.... It is true though that there is a historical continuity in our ideology, stressing now as the AJC did in a pamphlet (before World War II) that, *America is Our Home*. I think we need to get over our hangup in affirming that belief, and begin working closely together with Israel in a mutually beneficial partnership."

Gordis reported that the AJC is establishing an Institute of Human Relations in Jerusalem. "The focus will be on working with Israeli institutions and entities such as the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and others involved in research using intergroup techniques for defusing Israel's internal tensions that we all know about – Sephardi-Ashkenazi; Arab-Jew, religious-secular."

Gordis was pressed as to whether his pluralistic American model was applicable to Israel, which is not based on pluralism but on the concept of a Jewish state. He replied: "Our argument is that it does and should apply. We are not arguing that the same church-state model that exists here should apply to Israel. All we are saying is that in our opinion a much greater degree of church-state separation than now exists in Israel would be good for the country."

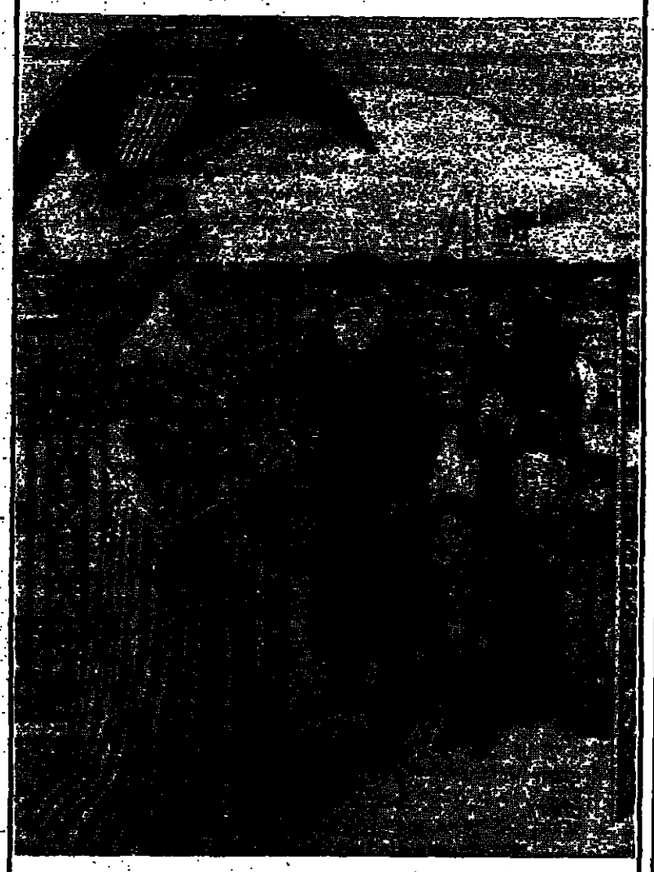
He explained: "The fact that the State of Israel should have a Jewish character is not incompatible with democracy. The question is what techniques and strategies are appropriate in securing and advancing the notion of a Jewish state. Encouraging Jews to have more children or to settle in Galilee, which has few Jews, is a responsible and good strategy. In my view there will have to be some disposition of the West Bank, and it would have been better to have put the energy that went into settling Judea and Samaria into settling the Galilee." Gordis noted that the AJC has taken a formal position in favour of territorial compromise in the administered areas.

Asked whether there was not a contradiction between the AJC's support of liberal causes and its publication of *Commentary* magazine, which almost invariably takes hard-line, right-wing positions on various issues, Gordis said: "There is no contradiction. We also publish *Present Tense* [which has a markedly liberal perspective]. We make it quite clear that neither publication represents the view of the AJC."

Asked what directions he expects the AJC to take over the next several years, Gordis replied: "Our stress, both domestically and in Israel, is going to be on the promotion of pluralism. We are concerned about the vulnerability to extremism of some in America, as we have seen in recent months in the farm belt. We are concerned about some of the manifestations of anti-Semitism in the black community, and are working hard with black leaders to discuss that problem and to try to overcome disagreements. We don't agree with those who say Jews should just shout on the street corner that all blacks are anti-Semitic and turn away from them."

Looking to the future of American Jewry, Gordis remarked: "We aren't going to build the future of the community on gambling on who is going to be in power next. We believe the fundamental source of our ideology has to be the values we live by. We believe in an approach to government which synthesizes patriotic values, traditional family values, a strong, vital and active United States which is economically and morally sound, with an ideology of an American government which is humane and concerned for disadvantaged people, and which continues a tradition of civil rights, human rights, and the protection of all people. We don't choose to please one or another political party or ideology."

He concluded, "We intend to remain full partners in defining the national agenda, rather than as a group concerned with protecting its narrow self-interest."



America welcoming Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe – a 1909 sticker of the Hebrew Publishing Co. of New York.

REFUGEES CHARGE:

'Sandinistas are anti-Semitic'

SEVEN JEWS who fled Nicaragua when the Sandinistas came to power maintain that the Sandinista regime is not only anti-Israel, but also anti-Semitic.

But a leading Jewish critic of President Reagan's policy of opposition to the Sandinista government, Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City, continued to deny both charges.

"Unfortunately, many individuals who oppose the president's policy in Central America have repeatedly attempted to distort the fact of Sandinista state-induced anti-Semitism," Fred Luft, former secretary of the Nicaraguan Jewish community, said at a Capitol Hill press conference last month.

He singled out Brickner, as did others at the press conference sponsored by the National Jewish Coalition, which has been gathering Jewish support for Reagan's proposal to provide $100 million to the anti-Sandinista Contras.

Those who deny Sandinista anti-Semitism "have chosen to take the word of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, who understandably denies allegation of anti-Semitism rather than the word of Jews who actually lived in Nicaragua and were forced to flee," Chris Gersten, the coalition's executive director, said.

AT ABOUT the same time that the press conference was being held, Brickner was taking part in a rally at the Capitol by "Quest for Peace," a coalition of religious groups opposed to aid for the Contras.

The Jews of Nicaragua "didn't leave because they were persecuted as Jews. They fled Nicaragua because they were supporters of (ousted President Anastasio) Somoza," Brickner told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency following the rally.

The Nicaraguan Jews denied that they had been supporters of the Somoza regime. "I have never had anything to do with any government," Sarita Kellerman, a native-born Nicaraguan, said. "I was dedicated to my business and to my children."

Luft said only two or three members of the Jewish "congregation" are still in Nicaragua. "The rest of our small community (about 50 families) left the country because of fears for our personal safety," he said.

"This fear was stimulated by the fire bombing of our synagogue by the Sandinistas while we were worshipping inside, by repeated telephone threats and graffiti on the walls of our businesses, warning us that after their takeover we will suffer at their hands the 'Sandinista Justice'," Luft said. The graffiti said "Zionism, Judaism and Somozism are all the same thing."

Asked about the firebombing, Brickner snapped, "I don't want to argue that. It's a dumb, stupid argument because nobody really knows what happened. I suggest to you that what happened is different than what they report." At the same time, however, Brickner stressed that neither Reagan nor any of the supporters of aid for the Contras have evidence "of any ongoing anti-Semitism expressed by the present government of Nicaragua to Jews or against Jews from 1979 to 1986."

AT THE COALITION'S press conference, Oscar Kellerman said he fled after the 1979 Sandinista takeover when he was warned as a U.S. citizen by the U.S. embassy that it would not be able to protect him. He said he was told he was in especial danger because of his "faith."

Sarita Kellerman said she returned later but was ostracized and was constantly harassed and threatened. She said there was graffiti on her home, business and the synagogue saying, "what Hitler started we will finish."

Oscar Kellerman said he was in the synagogue when it was firebombed, setting the door aflame. When he and others tried to get outside they were met by seven or eight masked men who warned them to go back inside or be shot. They eventually were able to get the fire out, Kellerman said. The Jews also stressed the closeness of the Sandinistas with the PLO, a theme that has been stressed repeatedly in the Administration's campaign for Contra aid.

Brickner, however, was insistent that the Sandinistas are neither anti-Semitic nor hostile to Israel, in spite of their ties with the PLO, stressing instead Nicaragua's "concern" over alleged Israeli aid to the Contras, which Israel has denied supplying. (JTA)

Reconstructionist battle for recognition

THE FEDERATION OF Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot (FRCH) sharply denounced the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) following the Council's decision to deny membership to Reconstructionism.

Warning that the denial "can harm Jewish unity," Lillian Kaplan, president of the Federation, charged that this rejection "negates the essence of [the SCA's] mandate."

The application of the FRCH for membership in the SCA was rejected in March after the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations (UOJCA) exercised a unilateral veto by voting against the admission. The other members of the SCA – which was funded in 1926 by the three major synagogue movements of American Judaism (Reform, Conservative and Orthodox) and their rabbinical affiliates – supported the admission of the Reconstructionists. The SCA by-laws include the rule that a nay vote by any of its six members can veto any proposition put before its board.

The six members of the SCA are: the Central Conference of American Rabbis and Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform); the UOJCA and the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox); and the United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative). The FRCH claims to be the fourth major movement in American Judaism.

FRCH executive director Rabbi David Teutsch told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that following the veto, his organization held discussions with leaders of the UOJCA in an effort to change their opposition to the Reconstructionists' membership in the SCA, but to no avail. It was after these efforts failed that last week a statement denouncing the rejection was issued.

Asked to explain the reasons for voting against the admission of the FRCH, Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice-president of the UOJCA, said that by admitting additional groups, the SCA "would needlessly confuse the already confused landscape."

According to Teutsch, the FRCH had applied for membership in the SCA more than 10 years ago and was rejected. He said that the FRCH has about 75,000 members in 56 congregations around the country.

"The Council's decision demonstrates woefully insufficient commitment to pluralism on the part of the Orthodox in the American Jewish community," Teutsch said. (JTA)

The Jewish friendship of havura

HAROLD M. SCHULWEIS

RABBIS ARE answerers. They are asked all kinds of questions about politics and theology, God and evil, this world and the after-world. But there is one question, universally asked of rabbis, which they find particularly unnerving. At reception lines after services, at informal meetings, someone always seems ready to ask, "Rabbi, I'll bet you don't know my name."

If he reflects on the inquiry, the rabbi will realize that far from a subtle attack, the question expresses a cry against anonymity. The inflected voice seeks recognition, even friendship.

Friendship is not the purpose of prayer or of the synagogue. The manifest purpose of prayer is to find communion with God or with something godly in oneself. But the latent function of prayer is community. It is the *minyan* connection, the need for ten Jews to make up the requisite quorum for words of holiness. Short one Jew for a *minyan*, the recitation of the *Kaddish* is muted. You may pray by yourself, but even when you do so you pray in the plural form – "*Avinu malkeinu* – Our Father, our King."

Despite the halachic emphasis on the *minyan*, Jews complain that they are alone. The Jew in the next seat is counted in the *minyan*, responds liturgically to the call for a quorum, but is nevertheless not necessarily my friend. If I don't show up at services, will he inquire as to my whereabouts, wonder about my health or the meaning of my absence? Do I count only as a cipher making up the *minyan* and no more?

Quite early in the Tora, God observes, "It is not good to be alone," and severs Adam's bisexual façade into two persons. No such desperate measures are contemplated but someone ought to invent Jewish companionship, to overcome the distance among Jews, even those who belong to the same synagogue. Even volunteering to serve on synagogue committees falls short of the promise of making friends. Presidents, secretaries, treasurers may work for years together without ever entering each other's homes.

THIS YEAR marks the fifteenth year of the synagogue havura, that phenomenon of the will of a *minyan* of families who seek Jewish friendship, who design to be with each other in order to grow Jewishly.

The members of the havura family can confess to each other that in so many matters they don't all know, understand, believe or feel what the tradition assumes is known, felt or believed. The shame is not in not knowing or not feeling or not believing, but in not doing anything about it. Friends allow for honesty. With Jewish friends, individuals can retrieve, rediscover what remains half-buried and invent new expressions of Jewish living. Jews need Jews to be Jewish. Therefore, the havura was born.

Havurot are diverse. Some study text, some celebrate festivals, some engage in prayer, some cook and eat. Some havurot are more successful than others, but all havurot engage in learning something not found in bibliographies or adult education courses: the art of human relationships.

As one member confided, "I like to learn, but I don't like to study. I'm not that interested in books or lectures, but the havura has taught me much." When asked what he had got out of the havura he replied, "I learned 'menschlichkeit'. I learned to understand people and how to cultivate friendships. My closest friend is a man I first met through the havura. I saw him as a garrulous, self-centred, quarrelsome sort. But in time, I learned to look beneath all that. Here was a sensitive man who sought attention, recognition, concern, friendship. I learned to recognize myself in him. I'm very much like him. Beneath that armament was myself. We're in the same havura now for ten years. He has become my dearest friend."

Is it a Jewish mitzva to learn how to make friends?

The men in that havura envied the women who were so much more open with each other. The men decided to meet separately once a month outside the havura. They met at a restaurant and soon developed their own agenda. They spoke of their fathers, of their own roles as fathers; they spoke of prayer and their search for spirituality, and one revealed his anguish over the discovery of the homosexual identity of a close relative.

Males in our society appear especially friendless. Males in our society have absorbed the macho myth of invulnerability. But here were men, out of the experience with havura, who confessed their fragile side and found wisdom in others. We learn best from those we regard as friends. They had become Jewish friends.

JEWISH FRIENDSHIP can motivate and implement Jewish activity where the noblest of public educational and rhetorical efforts fail. Rabbis who have preached excellently about the observance of Succot are convinced from the verbal response of congregants that this time *succot* will be built and *lulavim* and *etrogim* will be bought and used. But there remains the distance between heart and hand which makes hypocrites of us all. At the threshold, sanctuary enthusiasm fades into paralysis.

With the emergence of the synagogue havura, *succot* have sprung up all over town. Alone, he will not build a *succa* – but with nine other *haverim* he will proudly pound nails into boards, scour the city for palms; and his wife and child will join with others to hang fruits and vegetables from the latticed roofs and prepare a Succot meal.

Jewish children rarely observe the joy of a Jewish deed, the joy of Jewish friendship in action. Outside the synagogue and without benefit of clergy, in private courtyards and homes, children see, hear, touch, smell, taste Jewish life with others. A discovery is made. Jewishness is more than sanctuary: Jews are more than the rabbis, cantors and Hebrew school teachers of the temple. There are Jewish people, Jewish parents. Jewish friends who can sing and pray and play Jewishly. Judaism is not just a gathered audience in an auditorium. Judaism is in Jewish people, with Jewish friends, for Jewish celebration.

The sickness of a member of the havura elicits from the group a grounded response of *bikkur holim*, the ethic of visiting the sick. She who was operated on last week called to tell me through tears of thanksgiving that when she returned from the hospital, she found her home cleaned, the refrigerator filled with food for the Shabbat. She blessed the friendship of havura.

The synagogue cannot depend on its ushering committee to create an ambience of warmth. The spirit in the sanctuary is formed well before the sanctuary is entered. The taste of peoplehood and communal responsibility is prepared in the experiences shared in homes, in the interpersonal relationships of the mini-community called havura.

The synagogue must include among its objectives the creation of vehicles for the cultivation of Jewish friendship. It's not good to be alone and Jewish institutions must help overcome that aloneness. The power of Jewish friendship to shape the character of community ought not be wasted by neglect. It ought not be assumed as a given of synagogue affiliation or taken for granted as a by-product of membership. In our highly privatized society, the art of Jewish friendship is to be cultivated and pursued. It is means and end of Jewish living.

The writer, rabbi of the Valley Beth Shalom synagogue in Encino, California, is the founder of the American havura movement.

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'Air safety hampered by bureaucratic woes'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Civil Aviation Authority has not adapted its organizational structure in line with the changes in its tasks resulting from the establishment of the Airports Authority in 1977, the State Comptroller found.

On the safety level, he said, no coordination had been achieved between the civil and military authorities of the intrusion of military planes into air routes. The joint body for investigating incidents involving civilian and military craft, which was proposed as long ago as 1981, had not even been set up. When accidents were investigated separately by the military and civilian authorities, they often ended up blaming each other.

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The comptroller found widespread shortcomings in the licensing of pilots and the follow-up of their flying records. He found that many electric power lines running over agricultural fields were sprayed by cropdusting planes because the lines had not been marked by the required coloured plastic spheres to warn the pilots of danger. Of the seven flight accidents involving cropdusting planes in 1984, five were caused by the planes hitting power lines.

From June 1984 to February 1985, the Flight Safety Department did not function at all, the comptroller said, adding, "The chief flight accident investigator did not systematically follow up the execution of recommendations by accident investigation committees."

The comptroller found poor supervision of charter flights resulting in, among other things, passengers getting hotel accommodation inferior to what they were promised. In some cases conditions at the hotels were so poor that tourists preferred to pay for alternate accommodation.

The comptroller found grave shortcomings in the interdepartmental coordination of building plans in the vicinity of airports. In one case, a 47-metre high hotel was built near Eilat airport in 1983 – 29.5 metres higher than had been ruled as safe. "When the matter became known, the hotel was already completed, and all that could still be done was to require the owners to install warning lights," the comptroller said.

The comptroller found there was unnecessary duplication by official bodies in preparing statistical records of arriving and departing air passengers, "with no coordination between them, unnecessarily raising the cost of this job."

Summing up, the comptroller noted that his review had uncovered "substantial shortcomings in every sphere of activity of the Civil Aviation Authority." Worse, many of the problems he had cited in previous reports had not been corrected.

High-tech industrial park for Rishon

By YITZHAK OKED

RISHON LEZION. – The Garrun Group of companies said it plans to develop a high-technology industrial park in the northwest part of town.

The park will be built on a 100 dunam plot, with three-storey high buildings covering about 40 per cent of the area for total floor space. The entire basement area will be one huge parking garage.

The bulldozers will start preparing the land next August, with the occupancy date for the first tenants set for around December. Frank Garrun, founder and managing-director of the real estate development concern said it will take seven to 10 years to complete the project. The first stage is expected to cost $4 million. Money for it is being raised in South Africa, Australia and the U.S.

The Rishon Lezion municipality, which is cooperating with Garrun, is hoping that some of the investors will also reside in the town. Shlomo Aboutboul, general-manager of the municipality, told *The Jerusalem Post* that in a couple of weeks the city council will decide whether tenants in the high-tech part should get a reduction in city taxes.





Overcounting at Ben-Gurion; under-productivity in Eilat.
(Moshe Rosenzweig; Shimon Fuchs)

Productivity low at Eilat port

By MACABEE DEAN

Eilat port workers receive the same wages as their counterparts in Haifa and Ashdod, even though their level of productivity is just 30 to 70 per cent that of the workers at the other ports, the State Comptroller reported.

He found that work conditions in Eilat have been governed by negotiated agreements rather than on the basis of what kind of work can and should be done by various job categories. Many of these negotiated agreements on work conditions have long been made out of date by changes in technology.

One example of poor productivity, the comptroller found, was in the premiums paid to work gangs. The work gangs were getting paid extra, even if they were reinforced by additional workers from other gangs. However, if the gang was understaffed, the premium was increased.

Workers that put in an hour of additional work before their shift started were automatically given a full shift's pay, equal to eight hours work, the comptroller reported. Several workers who retired between the ages of 56 and 59 received pensions that they were entitled to only after reaching age 65.

At the Ashdod and Haifa ports, the comptroller found that warehouse conditions were sub-standard. A decision made in 1976 to take special precautions in storing dangerous materials was only implemented in 1985, the comptroller discovered.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Railways completing 6 kms. of track repairs

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Israel Railways is now completing the rebuilding of about six kilometres of track between Kiryat Gat and Beersheba that were in chronic disrepair. The line was built over 30 years ago and is used primarily by Israel Chemicals.

Eliahu Barak, the new manager of Israel Railways, told newsmen this week that railway workers had found a way to strip the old lines and rebuild new lines on the spot at half the price it would cost to repair the old track.

U.S. firm gets site for plant in Yokne'am

The Israel Lands Administration has approved the transfer of 10,000 square metres of land in Yokne'am to the North Hills Israel company for construction of an electronics plant. The plant will employ about 70 people, helping to alleviate unemployment of Yokne'am Ilit.

North Hills International is a unit of North Hills Electronics of the U.S.

Israeli trade mission planned for Scandinavia

Post Economic Staff

The Ministry of Industry and Trade is sponsoring Israel's first trade mission ever to Sweden, Finland and Denmark. The mission, which will comprise industrialists, importers and exporters, will visit the three countries next September.

They will hold discussions on the expansion of trade ties, with the aim of boosting Israeli exports.

Israel currently runs a trade deficit with all three countries. Israeli exports to Sweden totalled $34.8 million last year, while Swedish exports to Israel came to $74.3 m.

Exports to Finland last year amounted to $23m., while Israeli imports from there stood at $44.3m. Israeli exports to Denmark came to $19.1m. while imports came to $36.6m.

Tnuva automates production at dairy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – Tnuva's dairy plant in Tel Aviv has undergone a $3.5 million renovation, automating and computerizing the production of cottage cheese, soft white cheese, and flavoured yoghurts and puddings, Tnuva General-Manager Yitzhak Landesman said. During a press tour of the plant, where products are now made and packaged without manual labour, Landesman introduced the latest Tnuva product – Tevaghurt, a yoghurt containing granola.

Treasury: no deduction on import deposit losses

Post Economic Staff

Contrary to an earlier statement by the Israeli Bureau of Accountants, losses resulting from non-indexed import deposits do not qualify as an income tax deduction, the Treasury said last week.

Import deposits, approved in 1983 as part of the attempt to reduce imports, are one-year accounts that pay no interest and are not linked to inflation.

The Israeli Bureau of Accountants had issued an opinion stating that losses incurred on the deposits over the year because of inflation could qualify as an income tax deduction.

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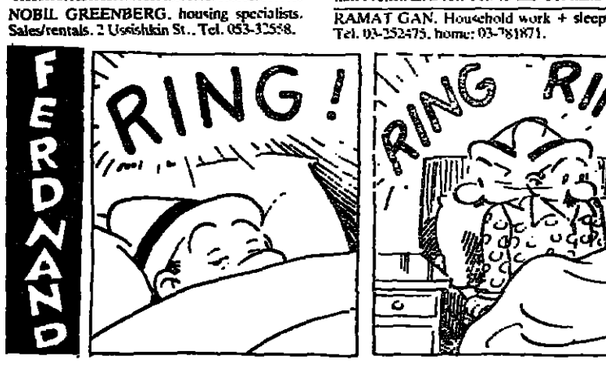
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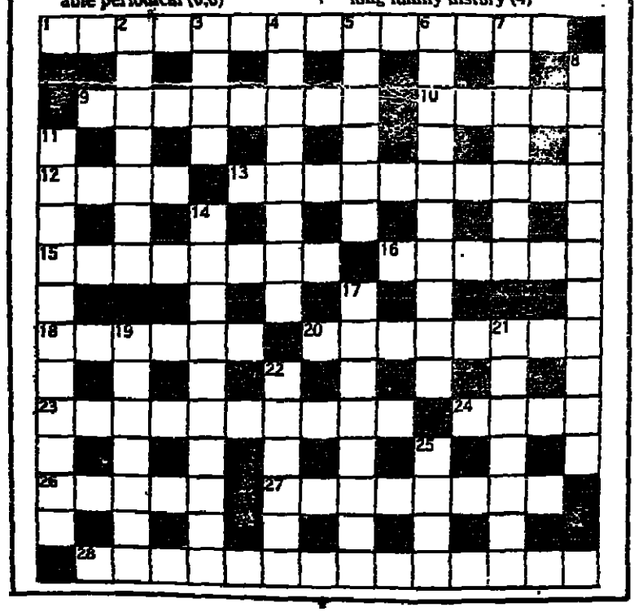
ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Does as one is told without thinking? (5,2,7)
9 Society is pledged to respect their minority rights (8)
10 Hated kind of duty? (5)
12 Net result of trawling operation (4)
13 Man of rank who does a lot of inter-city travel (4-6)
15 One who keeps a trusty old servant (8)
16 Somehow gets to do unappetising fare (6)
18 Legally recognised union member (6)
20 What one needs to make a slot-machine work? (4,4)
23 Hotel price adjusted for a VIP arriving by air, maybe (10)
24 Are no longer a feature of Lower Egypt (4)
26 Classical example of a large circular letter (5)
27 Gets a grip on things, apparently (8)
28 Shining example of a fashionable periodical (6,8)

DOWN

2 Unwanted gas-pipe? (7)
3 A sailor put into a cellar, possibly (4)
4 Tells the story of a backward Scottish island set-up? (8)
5 Devout-looking creature who makes humanity sit up (6)
6 Reserve player prepared to take dramatic action (10)
7 About five different trades deprived of essential supplies? (7)
8 Kind of price-list kept at every police station? (6-5)
11 Academy for girls who need spelling lessons to complete their training (5,6)
14 Unnerving experience for a new teacher of the highest quality? (5-5)
17 Veal I can stew for a large Spanish community (8)
19 Give lavish bribes I could if I had one! (3-4)
21 A London theatre page in a Commonwealth capital (7)
22 Fast-moving foreign agent holding up British currency? (6)
25 Give way to pressure over a long family history (4)



TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Morning Melodies
7.07 J.C. Bach: Harpsichord Concerto (Boris Berman); Prokofiev: "Eleonora" (Dudova)
7.30 Mozart: Piano Concerto in E-flat major, K.428 (Frankl, JSO/Suesskind); Dvorak: "The Golden Knot," Op.109 (Bavarian Radio/Kubelik); Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No.2 (Josselson, Ormandy); Janacek: Sinfonietta (Kubelik)
9.30 Stravinsky: Symphony for Winds (New York/Boulez); Prokofiev: "Romeo and Juliet," excerpts (Philharmonia/Kurtz); Mahler: "Das Lied von der Erde" (Klemperer, New Philharmonia, Christa Ludwig, Fritz Wunderlich); Mozart: Symphony No.38, K.504
12.05 Bach: French Suite No.2 (Gavrilov); Beethoven: "Pastoral" Sonata, Op.28 (Gilels); Glinka: Nocturne in F minor: Variations on a Romance by Alabiev
13.00 Bach: Cantata No.208; Hummel: Concerto for Piano, Violin and Orchestra; Mozart: "Ave Verum," K.618; Hindemith: Octet
15.05 Between Friends
16.00 Dahlia and Orit Uziel, piano four-hands – Bach: Sonata in C major; Moskowski: Spanish Dances; Rachmaninov: 6 Pieces, Op.11
17.00 Contemporary Music – Dov Carmel: Penta Hedron (JSO/Rodan); From the International Composers' Rostrum, Sweden – Jan Mortenson: Encore; Lacht Sandberg: Contact
18.00 The Swedish Chamber Choir, Anders Ashrwel conducting – works by Poulenc, Britten, Vaughan-Williams, Martin, Bach and Rachmaninov
19.30 Youth Concert
20.05 Josef Haydn and the Birth of the Sonata – 5) Herr Alberti
21.00 Penderecki: "The Devils of Loudon," opera
23.00 Tosti: "Morel"; Shostakovich: Suite for 2 Pianos in F-sharp minor; Kopytman: "Yiskor"; Tosti: "Ideals"

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Favourite Old Songs
8.05 Compass – with Benny Handel
9.05 Hebrew songs
9.30 Encounter – live family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Oriental songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.06 Children's programmes
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
17.20 Everymen's University
18.06 Jewish Traditions
18.50 Bible Reading
19.05 Lesson in *Halacha*
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.06 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light – *drivers' corner*
7.00 This Morning – *news magazine*
8.05 Drive Safely
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network – *morning magazine*
12.10 Open Line – news and music
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.06 Matters of Interest
15.10 Magic Moments
16.05 Songs and Homework
17.10 Economics Magazine
18.06 Spotlight
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.35 Army and Defence Magazine
20.05 Folklore Magazine
21.05 A Song for the Road
22.05 Folk dances
23.05 Radio Game (repeat)

Army

6.05 University on the Air
6.30 Open Your Eyes – songs, information
7.07 "707" – with Alex Ansky
8.05 Good Morning Israel
9.05 In the Morning – with Eli Yisraeli
10.05 Coffee Break
11.06 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
13.05 Radio Connection
15.06 Daily Meeting – with Orly Yaniv
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.00 Evening Newsreel
17.30 Middle East Magazine
18.05 Army and Defence Magazine
19.05 What's Doing – with Erez Tal
20.05 Pop Plus
21.00 Mabat – TV newsreel
21.30 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 School Broadcasts **14.00** Horatio Nelson **15.00** Everyman's University: Introduction to Life Sciences; The Age of Revolutions; The Kindergartan Years **16.00** No Secrets **16.20** TV Game **16.45** Economics **17.00** A New Evening – live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Somersaults
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Songs and Dances
19.00 Agriculture Today
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at **20.00** with news roundup
20.02 Between the Chairs – *bi-weekly magazine*
20.30 Tzipit – *science and technology magazine*
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Moked
22.05 The Other Side of the Mountain. Larry Peerce's 1975 film stars Marilyn Hassett and Beau Bridges
23.45 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Emergency Room **21.10** Discovery **21.30** Alfred Hitchcock presents... **22.00** News in English **22.20** Voices in the Dark
MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.00 Woody Woodpecker **13.30** Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** Afternoon Movie **16.30** Spiderman **17.00** Super Book **17.30** Muppets **18.00** Buck Rogers **19.00** News **20.00** A-Team **21.00** Another Life **21.30** Remington Steele **22.30** Cagney & Lacey **23.30** 700 Club

CINEMA

JERUSALEM 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Edison: Protector; **Edison:** 9½ Weeks; **Hebira:** Remo; **Kfir:** Out of Africa, 5:45, 9; **Mitchell:** Sweet Dreams 7:15, 9:30; **Orgil:** A Chorus Line 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Orion-Or 1:** Jewel of the Nile; **Orna:** Spies Like Us; **Ron:** Nadia; **Semadar:** To Dance with a Stranger; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** Eleni 7:30, 9:30; **Beit Agron:** Annie 4; From Mao to Mozart 6:15; Manhattan 8; The Draughtsman's Contract 10; Manhattan, midnight; **Cinematheque:** Crimes at Midnight 7; The Death Jump 7; French Theatre – Juan ou le Festine de Pierre 8:45; Time Without Pity 9:30

TEL AVIV 5, 7:15, 9:30
Allenby: Trading Places 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Beit Leissin:** Fandango, 11:15 p.m.: **Ben-Yehuda:** No Milk Today 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Chen 1:** Salvadore 5, 7:20, 9:45; **Chen 2:** Twice in a Lifetime 5, 7:20, 9:45; **Chen 3:** Spies Like Us 5, 7:20, 9:40; **Chen 4:** Journey of Nazy Gann 10:30, 1:30, 5, 7:25, 9:40; **Chen 5:** Stitches, 10:30, 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Cinema One:** Beverly Hills Cop 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Cinema Two:** Choose Me 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Dekel:** Jewel of the Nile 7:15, 9:30; **Drive-in:** No Milk Today 7:15, 9:45; **Esther:** Nadia; **Gat:** After Hours; **Gordon:** The Official Story; **Hod:** Remo; **Lev I:** Wildcats 1:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Lev II:** The Glenn Miller Story 1:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30; **Limor Hamehudash:** 9½ Weeks 2, 5, 7, 9:30; **Maxim:** Prizzi's Honor, 5, 7, 9:30; **Mograbi:** Iron Eagle; **Orly:** The Holcroft Covenant; **Paris:** When Father Was Away on Business, 11:30, 2, 5, 7, 9:30; **Peer:** Forbidden Relations 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Shahaf:** Out of Africa 5:45, 7:30, 9:30; **Studio:** Agnes of God 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Tchelet:** A Chorus Line; **Tel Aviv:** Sky Pirates; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Smile of the Lamb 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Zafon:** Eleni 5, 7, 9:30; **Tamuz:** Water 7:15, 9:30; **Israel Cinematheque:** Tora's Tropical Fever 7; Secret Ceremony 9:30; **Beit Hatefutsoth:** Flames in the Ashes 7

HAIFA 4:30, 7, 9:15
Amphitheatre: American Werewolf in London; **Armon:** Iron Eagle; **Atzmon:** No Milk Today; **Chen:** Spies Like Us; **Orah:** Out of Africa 6, 9; **Orly:** Wildcats 7, 9:15; **Peer:** Sweet Dreams; **Ron:** Beverly Hills Cop 4, 6:45, 9; **Shavit:** The Official Story 7, 9:15; **Rav-Gat 1:** Jewel of the Nile; **Rav-Gat 2:** Nadia; **Keren Or Hamehudash:** When Father Was Away on Business 4, 6:30, 9

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Iron Eagle 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Lilly:** 9½ Weeks 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** Wildcats 7:15, 9:30; **Ordan:** To Live and Die in L.A. 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Ramat Gan:** Remo, 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Stitches 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Rav-Gan 2:** When Father Was Away on Business 5, 6:50, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 3:** Twice in a Lifetime 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Rav-Gan 4:** Jagged Edge 7:20, 9:45

HERZLIYA
David: Prizzi's Honor 7, 9:30; **Hechal:** Pyramid of Fear 5, 7:15, 9:30; **New Tiferet:** Wildcats 4:30, 7:15, 9:15

HOLON
Migdal: Twice in a Lifetime 7:15, 9:30; **Savoy:** Out of Africa 6, 9; **Armon Hamehudash:** Iron Eagle 5, 7:15, 9:30

BAT YAM
Atzmon: Pyramid of Fear 5, 7:15, 9:30

GIVATAYIM
Hadar: Out of Africa, 6, 9

RAMAT HASHARON
Koshav: The Lover 9:30 p.m.; Never Ending Story 7

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. Hechal 1: Out of Africa, 6, 9; **G.G. Hechal 2:** The Lover 5, 7:15, 9:30; **G.G. Hechal 3:** 9½ Weeks 5, 7:15, 9:30

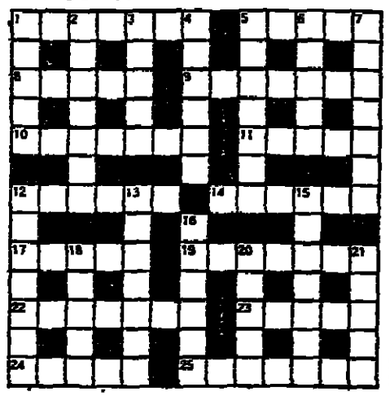
QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

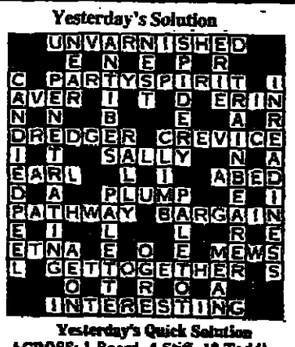
1 Easily annoyed
5 Couples
8 Copious
9 Becomes less broad
10 Late
11 Fashion
12 Refuse to give way
14 Regulate
17 Affray
19 Climb with difficulty
22 Bison
23 Jewelled headdress
24 Ointment
25 Anguish

DOWN

1 Greek philosopher
2 Affect deeply
3 Work dough
4 New Englander
5 Read
6 Light sarcasm
7 Dubious
12 Drinks
13 Rescue from ruin
15 Resentment
16 Approach and address
18 Appalling
20 Modify
21 Heat strongly



Yesterday's Solution



Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Board, 4 Stiff, 10 Toddler, 11 Agree, 12 Larva, 13 Neglect, 15 Stem, 17 Spree, 19 Inert, 22 Late, 25 Emerald, 27 Reach, 29 Grant, 30 Provoke, 31 Fence, 32, Ashen. **DOWN:** 2 Order, 3 Release, 5 Twang, 6 Forbear, 7 Atoll, 8 Prone, 9 Petty, 14 Emit, 16 Tell, 18 Prepare, 20 Nervous, 21 Ledge, 23 Adapt, 24 Thief, 26 Attic, 28 Above.

MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

A friend in need

How pleasant it is to see comrades working together to achieve a common purpose! And especially when the comrades in question are people who in the past have not always got along quite as well as they might have.

The comrades in question are, of course, our honourable justice minister, Yitzhak Moda'i, and the even more honourable science and technology minister, Gideon Patt. They both belong to that most noble of Israeli political parties, the Liberals, and the principle that has brought them together is that primary Liberal tenet – the protection of private property.

For a few days last week – before the issue of "the senior official" emerged as the scandal to supersede all previous scandals – Moda'i and Patt came together to help that paragon of private enterprise, Raphael Recanati. The Discount Bank head was battling the forces of darkness that threatened to remove him from control of his family's business interests.

Like the number 300 bus from Tel Aviv to Ashkelon on that fateful April night in 1983, the Recanati scandal will not go away. It will presently re-emerge, and with it the extraordinary spectacle of Patt and Moda'i in unholy alliance, pulling in the same direction, instead of in opposite ones, as we have come to expect from them.

The venomous Patt, whose barbs are usually directed with as much force as he can muster, directly at Moda'i and whatever policies Moda'i happens to be espousing at the time, has turned his attention to the Bejski Commission. He finds that not only are the recommendations and approach of the commission's report all wrong, but that the members themselves were incompetent, biased, and vengeful (for what he doesn't say). Moda'i, whose tongue is smoother nowadays than that of his colleague Patt, has refrained from attacking the very legal system he heads (the commission was appointed by the president of the Supreme Court and contained two judges). But he has come down firmly against the idea of government action against that "private" bank, Israel Discount.

The "Liberal" principle involved, according to these ministers, is that the bank is privately owned and therefore beyond the purview of government intervention. This is one of the stupidest statements in a very long time, even by the abysmal standards of Israeli politicians. The law allows specifically for government control of the banking system, including intervention to the extent of replacing managers, directors and even chairmen when deemed necessary.

A few examples of such intervention in Israel are those of the Israel-British Bank in 1974, Agudat Yisrael Bank and Feuchtwanger Bank in the 1960s and, most recently, the North American Bank last August. In each case, the chairmen and managers were either removed outright or had Bank of Israel personnel parachuted in alongside them, as the banking law specifies.

True, these precedents all required immediate action, and the people replaced were engaged in criminal activities. But the need to remove the bank heads is not something that suddenly emerged on April 20, 1986, when the Bejski report was issued. It has been obvious to most people since October 1983. The infamous "arrangement," under which the Israeli government agreed to save the big four commercial banks, was itself the example *par excellence* of state intervention through immediate action. For various reasons, none of them satisfactory, the arrangement failed to include the removal of the top bankers at that time.

As for criminal activities, the Bejski report has enough to say on that. And, if our paralyzed government ever gets round to appointing a new attorney-general, if he is allowed to be independent, and if Moda'i and Co. don't lean on him, then Raphael Recanati, among others, may well be in court.

But it's the "private bank" tack that makes people's blood boil, and not surprisingly. Continental Illinois, the Chicago-based giant whose second near-*yahrtziet* was recently marked, was saved at the last minute by the U.S. government because the bank was too big to be allowed to go bank was too big to be allowed to go under. But it was a private bank, and that is precisely why it had to be saved by the authorities. When Washington did come to the rescue, the first thing it did was replace the board and dismiss the top management.

The Liberal Party is itself as good an example of the free market as one could hope to find. Within the party, there is perfect competition.

Externally, the party is open to any offer. It sells itself to the highest bidder, without worrying what strings might be involved. For many years Shaul Eisenberg could count on the Liberals, as the political sector of his Israeli business interests. Now, as part of his general sale, he has apparently jettisoned the Liberals as he has his other holdings. In a "sellers only" market, Recanati seems to have found the rival Liberal factions going cheap.

Bank of Israel report finds serious structural problems

Government blamed for lack of growth

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Israel will have to travel a long road before seeing any signs of economic growth, the Bank of Israel concludes in the chapter of its annual report dealing with the economy's performance. The report, which is due out later this week, puts the blame for the lack of economic growth on the government's inability to stick to a consistent economic policy.

The lack of real growth in its gross national product over the years indicates that there are strong structural problems in the economy, the report says. On top of that, the huge interest rates the Bank of Israel mandated last year, combined with the effort to keep domestic demand low, was the key to why in 1985 Israel was as far from renewed economic growth as it has been since 1979, when the economy stopped growing in real terms, the report says.

Other obstacles blocking the way to growth were the galloping inflation of recent years and the frequent changes in fiscal policy, which brought with it constant changes in tax and subsidies policies.

In 1985, the tax burden reached unprecedented levels, resulting in a widening in the already huge gap between the labour costs to employers and the level of take-home pay. This gap, the report says, further harmed productivity.

At the same time, large subsidies were maintained on capital through approved investment schemes and tax legislation that favoured capital investment. The result was over-investment and under-utilization of equipment, which was so evident in the construction, transport and tourism sectors. The fact that most Israeli factories operated on one shift was a symptom of over-investment, the report says.

To encourage economic growth, there is no need to boost investments, but to take the proper economic measures, the report states. Among other steps, the report recommends that 20 per cent of the workforce employed in the public sector be transferred to the private sector. It notes that the 1985 economic stabilization plan did not achieve this.

The report found that cost developments in 1985 were mostly negative. The real cost of labour, from the point of view of the employer, rose by some 6 to 7 per cent, while the cost of imported inputs and raw materials by some 4 to 5 per cent. In 1985, real interest rates averaged 100 per cent – soemthing almost without precedent in an industrialized country.

These developments were all important factors in the 40 per cent jump in the number of bankruptcies last year, the report found. The main victims were firms working with low equity and bad management, the report says. Tax laws and galloping inflation encouraged low equity levels, and the system of subsidies and benefits granted by the government encouraged inefficiency, the report says. There was no incentive for proper management.

The picture that emerges from the report is one of an economy that benefited only from external factors, such as the large drop in energy prices in recent months or an increase in world tourism. The number of tourist arrivals to Israel rose 14 per cent in 1985 from 1984. The problem, judging from the report, is that domestic factors leave much to be desired.

Uncertain future for Cyprus economy

NICOSIA (Reuter). – Economic winds from abroad often blow the small economy of Cyprus off course. But they could provide some welcome breezes in the right direction this year.

Tumbling world oil prices and the dollar's slide have given the government breathing space to tackle problems that include a yawning trade gap – despite an overall 1985 balance of payments surplus of $75 million – and public debts amounting to $1.7 billion.

On the negative side, this year Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's anti-alcohol drive could harm Cypriot wine exports, leaving the biggest surplus in 20 years. The Soviet Union bought half the island's $11 million of wine exports last year. Between January and April this year, it did not take any.

On the other hand, fears that the vital tourist industry would be hit by cancellations from Europe following last month's U.S. air raid on Libya are fading fast.

"Hoteliers are always jumpy early in the season. But any early cancellations are likely to be offset by increased traffic from new charter services," a tourism official said.

Cyprus attracted 180,000 visitors in the first four months of this year, up 15 per cent from the same period last year.

But while worries about tourism may be transient, those about export performance are more permanent and deep-seated.

The trade deficit last year widened to $940 million form $915 milion in 1984, as exports tumbled 13.7 per cent to $290.6 million. Economists blame rising labour costs and inadequate quality control for the decline.

They also say economic belt-tightening in the Arab world and increased competition in Mediterranean produce from the new European community members Spain and Portugal could cause more problems for exporters.

Arab countries took 48.2 per cent of Cypriot exports last year – mainly clothing, footwear, potatoes, wines and spirits, paper products and electrical goods – and the EC 27.6 per cent.

Alexis Galanos, parliamentary leader of President Spygos Kyprianou's ruling Democratic Party, gave a rosy picture of a healthy economy in a recent house debate.

He cited a growth rate three times the world average in recent years, a jump in per capita income from $1,300 in 1976 to $5,200 last year, and an increase in productive capacity and national wealth of some $7 billion from the same period.

But industrialist Kyriakos Hamboullas, president of the Limassol Chamber of Commerce, painted a grimmer picture at the chamber's annual meeting.

He argued that a fall in the country's growth rate of 4 per cent and a decline in exports of 13.7 per cent in one year, coupled with a trade deficit of $940 million, pointed to "a big crisis in the economy."

He said a planned customs union with the EC would help agriculture, but could hit industry hard. He advocated "bold and imaginative" planning to protect industry during the proposed 15-year transition to a full EC customs union.

Industrialists are urging the government to introduce new technology, cut energy and transport costs, control pay rises and encourage mergers between small units.

Finance Minister Christos Mavrellis is convinced Cyprus will cope. "What is encouraging is that the solution to our problems may be won by corrective means which will not affect our standard of living."

Moving Eilat's airport

Eilat has an excellent airport. It's right in the heart of the city, so that as soon as the vacationer steps off the plane he can feel the beat of the resort town, take a walk downtown, or even get to his hotel by foot if he likes. In a vacation spot like Eilat that's important – easy access provides an additional dimension of comfort. And it saves a lot of time. Within an hour of arriving in town you can be on the beach or at the pool. If a departing flight is late, you can wait at the hotel or take another refreshing dip in the pool.

But Eilat is attracting entrepreneurs who have their eye on the valuable airport land. They want to transfer the airport north of the city, and replace the existing field with hotels. At first glance it seems a plausible idea. The entrepreneurs swear it won't cost the government a penny. They promise that the price they pay for the land will cover the cost of building a new, bigger and better airport that can handle larger aircraft. But larger planes already have use of the Ovda airport 40 kilometres north of town.

And, as an Israeli with experience in these matters, I know that any project that "isn't going to cost the government a penny" is practically guaranteed to turn into a costly endeavour at the taxpayers' expense. The price will be paid – whether in the form of tax deductions, hotel-building incentives or dumping the responsibility on the government in the case of bankruptcy, a frequent occurrence in this country.

There is more than enough room to build hotels in the southern part of Eilat, towards the Sonesta Hotel. Part of the beach area is taken up by coral nature reserves, and civilian and military ports, but hotels can be built further inland, away from the coastline. Obviously this requires larger investments for land clearing.

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And, while the distance from the sea makes the location somewhat less attractive, the cooler weather on the mountain makes for a more pleasant stay. Club In is a good example of a successful venture of this sort.

Another option is to expand the lagoon northward along the Jordan border without infringing on the airport. In any case, there's good reason to avoid building hotels adjacent to where planes are landing.

That's what happened at Sde Dov Airport in northern Tel Aviv. It was built in what was, at the time, a barren almost desert-like spot. Then the "Lamed Plan" entrepreneurs decided to put up expensive high-rise apartment complexes right alongside it. The new residents complained about the noise and asked them to move the airport. But who was supposed to move it? The government, of course – put it on the taxpayers' account.

There were even some fantasies, of the kind familiar in our country, of building an airport in sea. Why not? The taxpayer is paying anyway. The private builders even tried to justify the move by saying the airport was never intended to be a permanent structure in the first place. But they should have known that in Israel every temporary structure is a permanent one. Fortunately for us, there wasn't any money in the budget, so the ocean airport was never built. Otherwise we'd still be wallowing in the bills to this day.

The point is that entrepreneurs who want to carry out projects in Israel – whether it be building hotels, filling in ocean land or bringing the sea to the land like in Eilat – should do it at their own expense. The risk and the cost should all be theirs. They should be able to guarantee that the project will not become a burden on the country, and that they won't make demands for emergency government aid. They must assume responsibility for the risks, as well as the profits. Until Israelis master this basic principle, we have little hope of seeing real financial recovery.

Fiat seeking Israeli suppliers

Post Economic Staff

A team of high-ranking Fiat officials has arrived here to look into the possibility of contracting with Israeli firms to manufacture spare parts and systems for the Italian automaker worldwide.

Libya owns a major stake in Fiat.

The team is expected to meet with representatives from Israel Aircraft Industries, Beit Shemesh Engines, Koor Industries, Tadiran, Turbochrome, Urdan industries and other companies. Urdan, a subsidiary of Clal Industries, has already signed a contract with Fiat.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Japan replaced Britain as the world's largest creditor nation last year and now provides the U.S. government with much of the money it needs to keep on running. The U.S. is a debtor nation to the tune of $70 billon.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS May 27, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day	Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	27.5	8–13.5%	8–13.5%	9–13.5%
HAPOALIM	20.5	8–14.5%	8–15%	9–15%
DISCOUNT	9.4	7–13%	7–13%	9–14%
MIZRAHI	8.5	8–16%	6–15%	6–17%
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6–13%	7–13%	6–13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of May 27)

	3–MONTHS	6–MONTHS	12–MONTHS
USD	6.375	6.375	6.625
STG	9.000	8.875	8.625
DMK	4.000	4.000	4.125
SFR	4.000	3.875	3.750
YEN	3.375	3.250	3.250

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

		CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
		Buy	*Sell*	*Buy*	*Sell*	Rates
U.S.A. Dollar	1	1.4288	1.4972	1.45	1.52	1.4860
U.K. Sterling	1	2.2078	2.2353	2.16	2.26	2.2193
Deutch Mark	1	0.6455	0.6535	0.63	0.66	0.6472
French Franc	1	0.2025	0.2050	0.20	0.21	0.2035
Dutch Florin	1	0.5736	0.5808	0.56	0.59	0.5768
Swiss Franc	1	0.7795	0.7892	0.76	0.80	0.7829
Swedish Krone	1	0.2029	0.2054	0.20	0.21	0.2040
Norweg. Krone	1	0.1916	0.1939	0.19	0.20	0.1924
Danish Krone	1	0.1746	0.1768	0.17	0.18	0.1753
Finnish Mark	1	0.2806	0.2841	0.28	0.29	0.2820
Canad. Dollar	1	1.0786	1.0920	1.06	1.11	1.0832
Austr. Dollar	1	1.0647	1.0780	0.99	1.09	1.0704
S. Africa Rand	1	0.6388	0.6468	0.47	0.52	0.6421
Belgian Franc	10	0.3160	0.3199	0.31	0.32	0.3176
Austrian Sch.	10	0.9179	0.9294	0.90	0.94	0.9226
Italian Lire	1000	0.9413	0.9530	0.92	0.97	0.9460
Japanese Yen	100	0.8709	0.8819	0.85	0.89	0.8754
Jordanian Dinar	1	—	—	4.11	4.37	4.2202
Egyptian Pound	1	—	—	0.77	0.82	0.8039

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EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

PRECIOUS METALS

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	341.15	P.M. FIX	341.50
	PARIS	NOON FIX	342.68	ZURICH	P.M.341.70
SILVER:	LONDON	FIX	509.20		
PLATINUM:	LONDON	P.M.	413.40		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	109.80		

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)
Forward Rates

	SPOT	*2 MTHS*	*3 MTHS*	*6 MTHS*
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2790/05	96/91	141/136	266/256
POUND STERLING	1.4985/95	81/79	115/113	204/199
SWISS FRANC	1.8835/50	75/70	113/108	245/235
JAPANESE YEN	169.72/82	63/61	94/92	188/184
FRENCH FRANC	7.2515/40	90/110	120/140	230/260
ITALIAN LIRA	1570.00/50	1200/1300	1725/1850	3400/3600
DUTCH GULDEN	2.5765/75	40/36	70/65	166/158
BELGIAN FRANC	46.695/710	2.5/4.5	3.5/6.5	5/10
DANISH KRONE	8.4400/50	60/110	90/140	275/375
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.4310/20	38/31	48/43	80/70
EUROPEAN CURR. UNIT	0.9461/65	8/5	12/7	15/10
FINNISH MARK	5.2720/40	320/360	460/510	900/1000
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.7167/74	98/94	144/140	260/255
NORWEGIAN KRONE	7.7080/30	865/885	1275/1295	2440/2480

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) — deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) — add to spot price.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS

WALL STREET Closing Prices

Dow Jones Indices

IND	1,852.90	+29.61	
TRANS	809.25	+11.29	
UTILS	186.47	+2.12	
NYSE COMP	140.62	+1.74	
NASD COMP	394.89	+2.98	
S-P 100 INDEX	233.65	+3.39	
S-P COMPOSITE	244.75	+3.40	
AMEX INDEX	279.88	+1.90	

NYSE Highest Volume

SPERRY CP	74⅛	+1
FANNIE MAE	36¼	+1½
ATT	25	+⅜
IBM	145½	+1⅝
TEXAS UT	32¾	+⅝
US STEEL	20⅝	UNCH
AM EXPRESS	61⅞	+1⅛
N.L. IND	13⅜	+¼
NOEST UTL	19¼	UNCH
BELLSOUTH	55⅛	+½

Statistics

NYSE	VOL. 119,364,235	STOCKS UP	1,169	DOWN	492
NASDAQ	VOL. 143,877,500	STOCKS UP	1286	DOWN	797

Comment

WALL STREET STOCKS MOVE HIGHER IN AFTERNOON

NEW YORK, MAY 27. – The stock market surged ahead, moving near record territory, as a higher close in bond futures put new strength into stock index fixtures and the underlying securities, traders said.

Earlier, the rally had slowed on profit taking.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 19 points to 1842, and advances led declines nine to five on volume of 98 million shares.

Sperry took over the most active spot after it agreed to a merger with Burroughs at $76.50. Sperry gained 1¼ to 74⅜. Fannie Mae gained 1¼ to 36.

ISRAELI STOCKS

TRADED IN NEW YORK:

NYSE and ASE

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	—	2⅜	—	—	—
Am Isr Pap	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	21
Ampal	2½	2⅝	2½	2⅜	126
Elscint	2½	2⅝	2¾	2¼	219
Etz Lavud	14⅝	14½	14⅝	14½	10
Laser Inds	17⅜	17⅛	17⅝	17¼	329

Over the counter

	last	bid	ask		last	bid	ask
Bank Leumi	—	21½	23½	Interpharm	—	5½	5¾
Elbit	8¾	8¾	8⅞	Optrotech	8½	8⅛	8½
ECI Tel.	4¾	4¾	5	Rada	—	8⅝	9
Elron	7½	7½	8	Scitex	6¼	6⅝	6⅞
Fibronics	12	11⅞	12	Taro-vit	—	3¾	4⅛
IDB Bank	—	50	54	Tevapharm	—	4	4¼
IIS	3⅛	3⅞	4⅛	SPI	–	6½	7

U.S. MONEY RATES

Prime 8.50%; Broker 7.75%; NY Euros 3 months 7⅛%; Fed Funds late 06$^{15}/_{16}$%

NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
PREVIOUS CLOSE	2.2795/05	1.8915/35	1.4900/15	169.65/75	1.3674/79
OPENING	2.2930/40	1.8980/90	1.4920/30	169.90/00	1.3712/17
LATEST	2.2710/85	1.8770/90	1.5045/55	168.85/95	1.3761/65

Comment

DOLLAR STEADY IN NEW YORK. – The dollar stabilized into a narrow range after a steady wave of selling petered out. It remained well below the day's high against the mark, however, as confidence in the currency wavered following its failure to breech resistance at 2.30 marks earlier in the day. Dealers said that trading remains thin after the long holiday weekend.

Overseas financial data – from Reuters exclusively to *The Jerusalem Post*.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	117.67	+0.04%
Non-Bank Index	140.41	+0.36%
Arrangement	108.73	+1.12%
Insurance	164.63	+1.02%
Commerce, Services	157.20	–0.71%
Real Estate	170.04	+0.70%
Industrials	129.23	+0.14%
Textiles	158.81	–0.54%
Metals	124.75	–0.80%
Electronics	108.58	+0.09%
Chemicals	126.20	+0.13%
Industrial Invst.	121.55	–0.05%
Investment Cos.	144.15	+1.03%
General Bond Index	108.50	+0.06%
Index-linked Bonds	109.52	–0.05%
Fully-linked	111.44	–0.09%
Partially-linked	108.20	–0.04%
Dollar-linked Bonds	99.70	+0.54%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	106.90	+0.06%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	108.06	+0.02%
Long-term 5+ yrs	106.76	+0.14%

Turnovers:

Shares – total	NIS	13,796,700
Arrangement		NA
Non-bank		NA
Bonds – total	NIS	5,262,600
Index-linked		NA
Dollar-linked		NA
Treasury Bills	NIS	7,561,600

Share Movements:

Advances	82	(70)
of which 5%+	11	(9)
"buyers only"	6	(8)
Declines	219	(225)
of which 5%+	38	(56)
"sellers only"	10	(10)
Unchanged	83	(92)
Trading Halt	54	(42)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	
3% fully-linked	Falls to 1%
4.25% fully-linked	Stable
80% linked	Mixed
90% linked	Stable
Double-linked	Stable
Dollar-linked:	
Admon	Rises to 1%
Rimon	Rises to 1%
Gilboa	Rises to 1.5%
For. Curr. denominated Treasury Bills (monthly yield)	Mixed 1.17% – 1.51%

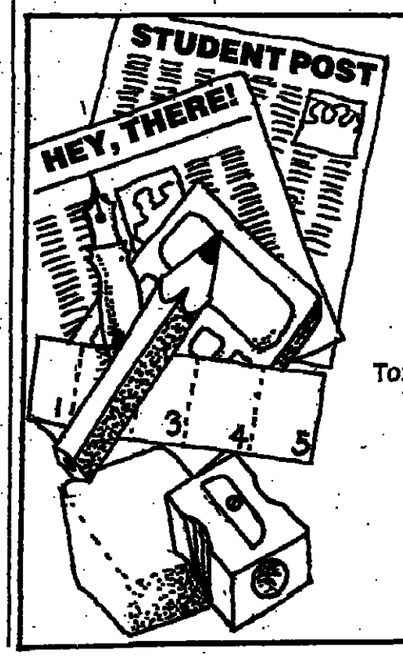
Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	11.90%
Union 0.1	11.63%
Discount A	11.54%
Mizrahi r.	11.52%
Hapoalim r.	11.97%
General A	11.69%
Leumi stock	11.86%
Fin. Trade 1	11.30%

TEL AVIV STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	*Price*	*Volume '000NIS*	*% change*
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1090	3352	–
General non-arr.	27499	53	–0.4
First Int'l	3650	1003	–
FIBI	4000	3156	–
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDBr	81900	703	+0.1
Union 0.1	61300	100	–0.3
Discount	105350	18	–
Mizrahi	33980	643	–
Hapoalim r	55550	1654	–0.4
General A	142850	19	–0.7
Leumi 0.1	35380	1638	–
Fin. Trade	47500	–	–
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi mort. r	5000	195	–2.3
Dev. Mort.	1320	856	–
Mishkan r	2620	933	–1.9
Tefahot r	13699	91	–
Merav r	4880	265	–0.2
Financial Institutions			
Agric C	59640	11	–7.8
Ind. Dev. DD	64063	–	–
Clal Leasing 0.1	9000	75	+8.4
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r	1010	554	+2.0
Hassneh r	539	23175	+1.9
Phoenix 0.1	1545	887	–0.6
Hamishmar	6800	18	+3.0
Menorah 1	8001	16	+1.3
Sahar r	4400	108	+1.1
Zion Hold. 1	15420	50	+9.4
Trade & Services			
Meir Ezra	4799	–	–2.0
Supersol 2	5290	1038	–1.7
Delek r	5599	1964	–0.4
Lighterage	15159	106	+1.0
Cold Storage	3159	s.o.1	–5.0
Dan Hotels	3705	170	–
Yarden Hotel	3001	187	+0.0
Hilon 1	11300	–	–
Team 1	1790	473	–0.6
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azorim	645	5563	–1.1
Eilon	378	7769	–
Africa Isr. 0.1	33650	154	–
Dankner	4650	147	–
Prop. & Bldg.	2700	1604	–
Bayside 0.1	4430	311	+5.6
ILDC r	50200	167	–
Rassco r	6900	585	+4.1
Mehadrin	6910	523	+3.9
Hadarim	1100	3067	+2.0
Industrials			
Dubek b	3860	597	–1.0
Pri-Ze 1	2300	993	+3.8
Sunfrost	7950	137	–
Elite	14650	58	–
Adger	840	1425	–1.2
Argaman r	11943	130	–
Delta G 1	4790	495	–
Maquette 1	27545	41	–0.4
Eagle 1	12920	51	–
Polgat 0.4	9540	347	–1.4
Schoellerina	14100	56	–0.7
Rogosin	3800	433	+5.3
Urdan 0.1 r	11600	151	–2.5
Is. Can Co. 1	1105	2995	–0.9
Zion Cables	2375	499	+4.9
Packer Steel	7391	32	–
Elbit 3 r	442800	13	–0.0
Eiron	388500	4	–0.1
Arit	29650	277	–
Clal Electronics	2610	2083	–2.6
Spectronix 1	2330	2807	+2.2
T.A.T. 1	4050	174	+5.1
Ackerstein 1	1490	442	+5.7
Agan 5	20000	127	+0.3
Alliance	1549	512	–
Dexter	4133	175	–1.1
Fertilisers	6250	79	–
Haifa Chem.	844	1225	–
Teva r	53850	66	+0.7
Dead Sea r	14900	411	–
Petrochem.	488	17510	–
Neca Chem.	3570	383	+3.5
Frutarom	10550	30	+5.0
Hadera Paper	205000	86	–
Central Trade	6290	301	–
Koor p	5700000	1.4	+3.6
Clal Inds.	1416	10269	–0.7
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3940	1676	–
Ellern	no trading		
Afik 1	no trading		
Gahelet	1617	40	–
Israel Corp. 1	7507	s.o.1	+5.0
Wolfson 1 r	108000	6.4	+4.8
Hapoalim Inv.	5353	2438	+1.0
Leumi Invest.	4910	256	+0.0
Discount Invest.	2485	7932	–0.5
Mizrahi Invest.	16735	115	+10.0
Clal 10	834	8599	–
Landeco 0.1	10250	30	+2.5
Pama 0.1	9600	83	+4.2
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	12500	47	–
J.O.E.L.	1500	1454	+7.5

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Moral integrity must prevail

THE SECRETIVENESS which started the "Shalom affair" on its ominous course two years ago with a futile attempt by the military censor to black out the killing of two captured Arab terrorists, was not lifted by Premier Shimon Peres in his Knesset speech yesterday. If anything, Mr. Peres may have added to the public's puzzlement.

The country now knows, but only due to a leak published across the ocean, that the attorney-general insists that the head of the General Security Services be investigated by the police, on suspicion of cover-up in the hijacked bus incident, and that the inner cabinet, led by the premier, wishes to stay his hand. The motive for the near unanimous ministerial opposition is still a mystery, although rumours have been circulating that, if a police probe of Avraham Shalom is initiated, old skeletons will start rattling in the cupboards and all hell may break loose.

The very fact that such rumours are circulating suggests that the best policy in the case would be maximum feasible frankness, at least at this late stage. But for the moment it is not even known – Prof. Yitzhak Zamir is not, of course, obligated to make it public himself – what precisely the attorney-general wishes to ascertain about Mr. Shalom. It is only from unofficial reports that citizens could gather the character of the possible charges against the GSS head: the suborning of witnesses and the suppression of evidence in the earlier inquiry-by-committee which focused on the possible role of an army officer in the killings.

The biggest riddle, however, surrounds the manner in which the government, or more exactly the inner cabinet, intends to settle its dispute with the attorney-general.

Monday night it was unofficially reported that Mr. Shalom might be allowed to gracefully resign his post rather than face charges of misconduct as head of one of the principal security organizations in the land. That would not necessarily ensure Mr. Shalom's immunity from a probe and possible prosecution, but it would get the government off the hook. So far, however, there is no sign that this is the government's favoured course of action.

For the time being, the government and the attorney-general do not see eye-to-eye even on Mr. Shalom's suspension during the probe, which Prof. Zamir, citing the law, will not waive. Mr. Peres, citing the lack of proof against Mr. Shalom, a most distinguished and dedicated public servant, rejects any idea that he be fired. But no one is suggesting that he be fired without due process.

Since the attorney-general has made it crystal clear that he will not knuckle under to the unprecedented ministerial pressure on him to revoke his probe order, the suggestion is reported to have been aired that the government simply wait until he finally retires. This need not take long: Prof. Zamir announced his intention to resign three months ago, and is carrying on with his duties only pending the appointment of a successor. The successor – if he can be unearthed – will, so it must be assumed, dutifully hush the matter up in the name of national security.

A neat solution, indeed: the only defect in it being that it would reduce the role of the attorney-general – and legal adviser to the government – to that of the government's rubber stamp. No lawyer could take the post in such conditions and earn anything better than the contempt of all law-respecting citizens.

To be sure, there is a body of opinion in this country which holds that the law must in any case take a back seat to security, and be subservient to it. The legal adviser to a major parliamentary faction – the Alignment's, no less – yesterday proposed, on radio, that democracy and the rule of law await the solution of "existential problems."

The nature of those problems was not spelled out, but they presumably embrace the persistence of terrorism despite all efforts to eradicate it, and the need to protect the integrity of Israel's main instrument in the fight against terrorism at home.

The Founding Fathers, though no angels, would have been horrified to hear that the rights and liberties – and legal duties – of Israelis might be suspended until such time as the Arabs called off their war of extermination against the Jewish state. This – the survival of democracy and the rule of law – is what is at stake in the controversy over the "Shalom affair," as well as the moral integrity, which must be based on credibility, of the GSS itself.

It will avail Israel nothing if it sweeps some lethal waste under the carpet only to have it explode later with vengeful fury and ravage the nation's soul.

Mrs. Thatcher realism

WITHOUT actually admitting it, Margaret Thatcher ended her visit to Israel yesterday – the first visit by a British prime minister to this country – by publicly backtracking on some of her government's commitments under the Venice Declaration. A tour of Yad Vashem, from which she confessedly emerged with a "heightened awareness" of the meaning of the Holocaust for Israel, and discussions with Israeli leaders, who impressed her with their desire for peace with security, evidently persuaded Mrs. Thatcher of the need to revise the European prescription for Middle East peace.

On the PLO, Mrs. Thatcher noted, the British government had already made its "reassessment." In Venice six years ago it had joined with its European allies in proposing that the organization was already a fit partner for peace negotiations. Now, the prime minister made clear, Britain was insisting that the PLO first formally endorse Resolution 242 and forswear terrorism, which is what the PLO delegation to London last year would not do even after promising it would.

The present need, she felt, was for an alternative Palestinian leadership to arise, and she thought that Israel could help the process along by allowing "some sort of electoral process" in the territories.

This was one point on which she obviously received no encouragement from Israeli leaders, notably from Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Plainly, even if Israel's government decides on some measure of devolution in the West Bank, it is not likely to include mayoral elections, which, as Mr. Rabin has observed, are unknown in the Arab world. The disagreements between Jerusalem and London have not been eliminated, and for all Mrs. Thatcher's kind lumping of all of this country's leaders together as anxious to get rid of the occupation, she must know that that is not exactly so. And that the premiership is due to rotate next October to Yitzhak Shamir, who unlike Shimon Peres will not talk to any Palestinian whose ambition goes beyond the autonomy.

The prospects of a useful role for Britain as mediator between Israel and the Arabs are thus not very pleasing. But then this was not the main purpose of Mrs. Thatcher's otherwise very successful and emotion-laden visit.

A misreading of the Palestinians

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NOTHING IN the interview with Yehoshafat Harkabi *(The Jerusalem Post* Magazine, May 9) merits the title of "Angry Prophet." His foresight of the 1960s, for which he earned his academic title, was the "behindsight" of the 1970s, and is now the self-deception of the 1980s.

The changes within the PLO, including its internecine warfare, were caused by the very war "that worsened our position." Apparently, it worsened theirs more, if not in Harkabi's eyes most certainly in those of the Arab world. The "Peace for Galilee" campaign certainly failed to dislodge the Syrians and achieve peace with a stable Lebanon, but there were gains.

Even more lopsided is Harkabi's present view of the fractured PLO. His so-called "moderates," whom I gather are headed by Arafat, are as ever the prisoners of the "extremists" and of the radical Arab states and Islamic fanatics. Hence the break-down of the so-called Hussein-Arafat agreement.

Harkabi shares with his Peace Now colleagues the same self-deceptions and clutches at the same flimsy straws – "the declining references to the PLO Covenant," "the change that has come over many Arabs," "the rebellion against Arafat," etc. Arafat has neither given up his "grand design" nor his "policy," nor can he do so as long as two things are absent: 1) the independence of the PLO from Syria, Iraq and Libya (not to mention Russia) and 2) the independence of the Palestinian Arab people from the PLO itself.

Neither those PLO leaders Harkabi met in Germany nor those occasionally assassinated as policy dissidents subscribe in any serious way to such conditions. In short, there is no *bona fide* movement of self-determination by the Palestinian Arab *people* of Judea, Samaria and Gaza or anywhere else.

Either they must have the courage to defy the PLO or the radical Arab states or no real will of self-determination exists, notwithstanding the wishful thinking or psuedo-socialist or liberal motivations of Peace Now.

MORE SERIOUS, however, is Harkabi's confusion of self-determination and political sovereignty. His belief that the nation-state can produce the former without democracy is pathetic.

Before 1975 Lebanon, because of its Christian population, had a modicum of self-determination. Both Syria and the PLO destroyed it. As Arafat explained at the time: "We are going to make Lebanon into a *real* Arab state." There were no PLO "moderates" then to seek links or peace with the Christians, just as there are no PLO "moderates" now who seek links or peace with the Jews.

Harkabi's essential naivete is his belief that any serious part of the PLO seeks self-determination for the Palestinian Arabs, let alone peace with Israel. They seek territory, in a feudal baronial sense, not a self-determination.

What he calls the "Jordanization of Palestinians, and not the Palestinization of Jordanians" is irrelevant; that is a matter of under which sovereignty they choose to live, a matter of geography not self-determination, or legitimate nationalism.

To Harkabi "historicity is immaterial" and he draws on Renan as his mentor. To define a nation by "what people consider themselves" is hardly worthy of serious political definition. And with this Harkabi blasphemes Jewish nationalism with his shallow comparison with that of "the Palestinians of the West Bank."

Jewish nationalism, *through democracy*, has represented self-determination. That of the Palestinians to date does not. And, for that matter, no Arab nationalism does. Instead, we find a mixture in both origin and form of baronial feudal territorialism and, more latterly, wedded to the "populism" of contemporary fascism.

WITH REGARD to this elementary truth, the professor's myopia is expressed by his claim "that they're (the PLO) already more recognized than the State of Israel." As though such recognition of PLO representatives by interest-hungry governments reflects real self-determination or sovereignty of a people. That these governments accept the PLO as the only and legitimate "representatives" of the Palestinian Arabs is reminiscent of the recognition of Peron, or even Hitler or Mussolini when they were riding the crest of their "populism."

I would have expected more from Harkabi! Recognition of that "populism" by Peace Now, however, embodies its own type of self-interest, a fear of sharing self-determination through democracy with the Palestinian Arabs. As Harkabi acknowledges: "What I'm really afraid of is that if this goes on we'll become a minority in this country."

This is the Peace Now essence, the "justice," "morality" and "self-determination" for the Palestinian Arabs are all subordinate.

Real self-determination has, of course, geo-political manifestations. As a political scientist, Harkabi ought to know that the self-determination and territorial sovereignty of one people must be limited to where that of another begins. Those limits, throughout history, have been determined by an equilibrium of power, expressed by war or through negotiations.

The Arabs have consistently chosen power and have lost. Harkabi's suicidal formula is abdication of both, as he is prepared to promise everything even before negotiations begin. One wonders what he has to negotiate about. He apparently does not see the strategic and security difference between Sinai and what he calls the West Bank.

But as he obviously does not favour bi-nationalism, the sharing of power over a single territory, because of his fear of an Arab majority, he is left with three alternatives – the partitioning of his West Bank, which he rejects, its retention by Israel, which he rejects, or an Arafat enclave, a type of minor baronial estate in which no self-determination will exist for its population and which will constitute a danger to both Israel and Jordan.

Before long it would be demanding more *lebensraum* and its "recognition" by the UN. The solidarity of the other Arab states with it would ensure that any supervision by Israel of its disarmament would be bawled out of court as interference with its "sovereignty."

ROOSEVELT, during World War Two, very wisely observed that, although self-determination as a general principle was correct, an exception had to be made when it endangered the self-determination and sovereignty of already existing societies.

He obviously then had Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia in mind. The so-called left of today would no doubt have called him a "right-wing reactionary." But then the term "left" these days, including those in Peace Now, is a misnomer, just as is their name-calling of "rightist" of those who seek legitimate security and sovereignty to protect the self-determination of their own society.

As for the Palestinian Arabs, the differences between those of Jordan and of Judea and Samaria are not national – as Harkabi suggests – but baronial, i.e. a movement of self-determination should seek to unite the people of the so-called West Bank with the Jordanians, which the Allon plan – in original or revised form – seeks to do. An Arafat enclave would further fragment them. What is needed is a territorial compromise through negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

Just as Jordan is the core-nuclear of a Palestinian-Arab nation, so too is Israel, the core-nation of the Jewish people.

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READERS' LETTERS

WJC'S BEHAVIOUR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – The World Jewish Congress, under Nahum Goldmann, was busy with reparations from Germany, to the exclusion of tracing Nazi criminals. Until 1958, the WJC refused to support both my own and Mr. Wiesenthal's centres. From April 1958 to October 1959, the WJC office in Tel Aviv, by order to Dr. Goldman, gave me a monthly grant of $50 for my work. They stopped even this allocation when I published the information that Eichmann was believed to be living in Kuwait or Argentina.

It seems odd to me that, after 40 years, the WJC suddenly came out with its allegations against Dr. Waldheim, I am convinced that, having waited so long, they should have waited until after the presidential elections in Austria and not got involved in that campaign.

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THATCHER

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Thatcher said that she was not going to be taking specific proposals to her meeting with Jordan's King Hussein in a fortnight's time.

In her opening statement, Thatcher said that one of the reasons for her visit had been to see if she could help in getting the stagnant peace process moving again, "to see if there is anything we can do."

She said that her talks in Israel had encouraged her to believe that renewing the peace momentum was possible. The problem, she said, was "how," not "whether."

Thatcher said that British policy in the Middle East would not be affected or changed because of fear of terrorism against British targets.

Asked about Britain's attitude to Austrian presidential candidate Waldheim, Thatcher refused to comment, beyond saying that there was nothing in the British archives which provided information not in the documents already publicized. She added that Britain has been asked – apparently by Israel – for documents on two people – apparently suspected Nazi war criminals – and that Britain would look for these documents, though it would take time.

Thatcher promised that Britain would continue its efforts on behalf of imprisoned Soviet refuseniks, including Ida Nudel.

The British prime minister refused to go into the issue of Syrian involvement in recent terrorist attacks or attempted attacks in Europe and Britain. She said only that Britain had expelled three Syrian diplomats because Syria had refused to waive their immunity to enable their interrogation by British judicial authorities.

Jerry Lewis adds from London:

The PLO representative in London, Feisal Awaida, has threatened "escalation" if Thatcher's visit to Israel does not bring any "hope for peace."

Awaida warned that if there was no "hope," it would be "too late" to talk about peace in the area. "It will be war after war. We on our side are going to escalate."

He said Thatcher's decision to talk about the Palestinians without talking to the PLO was "ridiculous."

Dry Bones



Peres's error

DAVID RICHARDSON

"Secret services (are) the only real measures of a nation's political health, the only real expression of its subconcious." Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy – John Le Carré

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S decision to commence criminal proceedings against the head of the General Security Service has been presented so far as a conflict between the fundamental democratic principle of the Rule of Law and the extenuating considerations of security.

That such a conflict has come to such cacophonous public attention is perhaps unfortunate but probably inevitable given the circumstances of Israel's existence. But the focus on the Rule of Law and security obscures the no less important issues of truth, credibility and judgment. All these it seems, have been irreperably compromised.

If, as so many sources and reports indicate, the head of the GSS is suspected of systematically lying and deceiving formally authorized investigators, the entire basis of his relationship with the prime minister to whom he is directly responsible has been fundamentally threatened.

Avraham Shalom, known by his acquaintances as "Avrum," is, as head of the state's internal security service, entrusted with enormous powers and burdened with awesome responsibility. It is the information and judgments he chooses to present to the prime minister which serve as a basis for some of the most sensitive decisions of state. The nature of covert security work is such that sources of information which form the basis of such judgments and decisions must remain secret. As such, the prime minister and the country which he leads must have absolute faith in the integrity and credibility of the man ultimately responsible for providing such information.

Until the attorney-general's suspicions have been tested by police inquiry and, if it should come to that, by a court, public and personal confidence in the man must surely be withheld irrespective of his guilt or innocence. What possible guarantee is there that if, as is suspected, he actively distorted the truth surrounding the Ashkelon bus affair he would not do so about other failings – personal or organizational?

The longer these doubts persist about the man at the head of such a sensitive and powerful service the more they will spread to the GSS as a whole.

One should not be deluded by arguments that these issues are secondary since the GSS is primarily concerned with Arab terror. Once the standard of absolute truth in intelligence and covert security has been eroded it cannot be restored, be the targets Arab terrorists or Jewish subversives of whatever hue.

Finally, there is the prime minister's role in the affair. Three senior officers in the GSS presented their reservations about Shalom's integrity to the prime minister over six months ago. All three subsequently left the service, the prime minister choosing to back the head of the GSS. That he did so at the time is to be expected, perhaps even to his credit.

That he ignored these reservations, however, for so long, did not recognize the profound implications for the credibility of the GSS and for its operative capacity now that its upper echelons have been openly thrown into disarray, and now appears to be trying to cover it all up in a misplaced and clumsy diatribe against those who legitimately ask questions, appears, at best, an incredible error of judgment.

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